



香港中央結算有限公司

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HONG KONG SECURITIES CLEARING COMPANY LIMITED

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Notice to CCASS Eligible Debt Securities Issuers – Launch of Interest Payment Announcement Form

CCASS eligible debt securities issuers are advised that the Exchange will introduce the following e-Form for debt securities issuers to make interest payment announcement through HKEXnews website:

(1) **Announcement Form** relating to interest payment:

- Interest Payment Announcement Form (EF006)

Debt securities issuers are required under the CCASS stock admission requirement to complete and submit the Interest Payment Announcement Form through the e-Submission System (**ESS**) on the same day when the disclosure of interest payment is published by the debt securities issuers.

As set out in the Consultation Paper on Proposals to Introduce a Paperless Listing & Subscription Regime, Online Display of Documents and Reduction of the Types of Documents on Display published in July 2020, we are introducing this e-Form to standardise the presentation of routine information and to reduce the risk of manual input error through the use of data validation in the e-Form. This will also assist the Exchange in collecting and analysing data more efficiently.

The Announcement Form will be available for download and submission at the e-Submission System (**ESS**) from **18:00 on 11 July 2021**. To facilitate your planning and preparation for the implementation, please find below the implementation timetable and guidance materials available on HKEX website:

| Timetable | Description | Notes to debt securities issuers |
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| 11 June 2021 | Publication of the following reference materials: https://www.hkex.com.hk/Listing/Rules-and-Guidance/eForm-Corner?sc_lang=en <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement Form template • Form Filling Guide • FAQs • Training Video (for Form download & submission) | Debt securities issuers are encouraged to go through these materials to familiarise themselves with the content and submission procedure of the Announcement Form. |
| 11 July 2021 (18:00) to 5 September 2021 | Transitional arrangement for Announcement Form | Debt securities issuers are encouraged to use Announcement Form for any interest payment to be announced after 18:00 on 11 July 2021 and any updates or cancellation of such interest payment. |
| 6 September 2021 | Effective date of Announcement Form | Debt securities issuers should use Announcement Form to announce all new interest payment from this day onwards. |

If you have any enquiries about the new e-Form and related matters, you may contact the Exchange's officers through the following channels:

| Enquiries relating to | Contact |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters relating to Announcement Form (e.g. how to fill in the Announcement Form, meaning of error message, etc.) | <i>For Announcement Form</i> Post Trade At (+852) 2211 5780 or email at HKSCCN_CAMS@HKEX.COM.HK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESS user administration and general submission procedures | ESS Hotline at (+852) 2840 3460 or email at ESSHotline@hkex.com.hk |

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