

**Submitted via Qualtrics**

**Company / Entity View**

**Market Represent(s): Securities & Derivatives Markets**

**Question 1**

**Do you have any comments or concerns on the proposed arrangements for the Hong Kong securities market?**

Yes

**If the answer is "Yes", please specify your comments or concern:**

1. Statements should be delivered within T+2 business day after T/D per the Securities and Futures (Contract Notes, Statements of Account and Receipts). Would the treatment be same as other physical service under SWT , i.e. postpone to the next business day?

2. ESOP Settlement with Physical certificate

Consultation paper point 40 - Buy-in exemption due to unavailability of physical certificate deposit service

1) Will this apply to Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") certificate for settlement, and buy-in exemption will be applied?

2) If buy-in exemption for ESOP business applies, however, we cannot collect the share certificate from Registrar due to mistake by the ESOP Company after a SW day. Would there be any penalty for this situation and if buy-in would be required? Any supporting document is needed to upload to the Client Connect for this circumstance?

3) Whether there will be additional buy-in-exemption application form for ESOP arrangement?

4) If the ESOP physical certificate does not fall within the buy-in exemption, i.e. our Company is in long CNS position and we owe downstream counter-party on a specific stock, whether counter-party be able to apply buy-in exemption, what kind of supporting document we need to provide ?

5) Would this buy-in exemption reason for ESOP be similar to "clerical error" ? Any restriction would apply?

6) Would deadline be extended due to a high volume of ESOP buy-in exemption cases on a SW day?

### 3. CNS settlement obligation to CCASS and DVP type client settlement:

For Institutional clients where their portfolio are with their Custodian Bank, in the case client or custodian bank are not operating on a SW day and result in fail settlement due to insufficient funds with settlement in DVP manner, whether exemption of buy-in applies ? Especially in the case of SPSA for Stock Connect when Institutional Client or their custodian are not operating which lead to fail settlement, would exemption for buy-in still apply?

### 4. Warrants New issue and Expiry

1) If warrant new listing day / expiry date hit a SW day, will the process continue?

2) Physical letter delivery to HKEx derivatives team for warrant expiry could be done after the SW day?

### 5. Placement

1) If our Company acts as settlement agent of a placement deal, we need to pay settlement fees to Listed Company via CHATSon listing date and we are required to hand delivery the charges to HKEX on the same date. Could we deliver the cheque/payment after the SW day?

2) If there is new certificate required to deposit into our CCASS by Registrar, how should it be arranged on a SW day?

## 6. Stamp Duty related

Please confirm on a SW day:

- 1) SD1, SD4 and DCMM file are able to upload to Client Connect
- 2) SD1 Stamp Duty payment will be debited via direct debit
- 3) Stamp Duty for jobbing business in physical cheque is allowed to pay after a SW day

## 7. Mail Collection

Will Post office open for mail collection of Client Confirmation for previous trade day on a SWT day? Could we mail after the the SW day?

**Question 2**

**Do you have any comments or concerns on the proposed arrangements for Northbound Trading under Stock Connect?**

No

**If the answer is "Yes", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 3**

**Do you have any comments or concerns on the proposed arrangements for Hong Kong derivatives market?**

No

**If the answer is "Yes", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 4**

**Do you have any comments or concerns on the proposed arrangements for new listings and new products?**

No

**If the answer is "Yes", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 5a**

**Do you have any comments or concerns on the proposed money transfer arrangements in relation to Cheque Clearing?**

No

**If the answer is "Yes", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 5b**

**Do you have any comments or concerns on the proposed money transfer arrangements in relation to Banking Services?**

Yes

**If the answer is "Yes", please specify your comments or concern:**

Banking Service on a SW day

- 1) Support from bank is required for settlement purpose
- 2) Support from bank is required to fulfill margin call requirement
- 3) Support from bank is required in the case of insufficient funding for cash settlement (e.g. borrow fund from banks)

**Question 6**

**Do you agree with the proposed arrangements for listing applicants and listed issuers as set out in paragraphs 90 – 91?**

Yes

**If the answer is "No", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 7**

**Do you agree with the proposed arrangements for listing applicants and listed issuers as set out in paragraphs 92 – 94?**

Yes

**If the answer is "No", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 8**

**Do you envisage there being any material practical difficulty in complying with any particular Listing Rule requirements?**

No

**If the answer is "Yes", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 9**

**Do you agree that consequential amendments to the Listing Rules should be made?**

Yes

**If the answer is "No", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 10**

**Under the proposed model, do you foresee any insurmountable difficulties for implementing SWT?**

No

**If the answer is "Yes", please specify your comments or concern:**

N/A

**Question 11**

**Would there be adequate time to prepare for SWT to come effective in July 2024 under the proposed model?**

Yes

**If the answer is "No", please specify the reasonable length and reason(s):**

N/A