

Part B Consultation Questions

Please reply to the questions below that are raised in the Consultation Paper downloadable from the HKEX website at:

<http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/newsconsul/mktconsul/Documents/cp2017063.pdf>

Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate boxes.

Where there is insufficient space provided for your comments, please attach additional pages.

1. In light of the need to enhance Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre and satisfy market demand, do you support the extension of trading hours in the T+1 Session?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

The extension of trading hours in the T+1 Session could attract more foreign investors to participate in HKEX's derivatives market. The T+1 Session enables investors to adjust and hedge their positions in quick response to major market news and events during the European and US time zones.
As an Exchange Participant, the proposed extension of the trading hours in the T+1 Session would bring us more business and better serve our clients.

2. Do you agree that the inclusion of equity index options in the T+1 Session could facilitate better risk management by brokers and investors?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

Inclusion of equity index options in the T+1 Session could facilitate better risk management. Brokers and investors will be able to close out positions or hedge outside the T Session.

3. Do you agree that the proposed trading halt could mitigate / reduce risk to the market while maintaining a simple mechanism?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your view.

The proposed trading halt mechanism for proposed equity index options is easier to understand and operate.

4. Do you have any other comments on the proposed implementation roadmap?

We suggest to eliminate the prohibition against trades “negotiated”, “pre-arranged” or “contracted” during off-market hours (Rules 809, 813(a), 815A3(a), 818).

5. Do you agree with the alignment of the T+1 Session Cutoff Time with the close of trading hours at 03:00?

Yes

No

Please provide reasons if you disagree with that.

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