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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Consultation Conclusions on Derivatives Holiday Trading and the Implementation of Derivatives Holiday Trading for MSCI Futures and Options

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HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited (“HKCC”) is pleased to announce that the consultation conclusion for Derivatives Holiday Trading (“Holiday Trading”) was published on 06 January 2022. The [consultation paper](#), [copies of submissions of market respondents](#) and [consultation conclusions](#) are available on the HKEX website.

Subject to regulatory approval and market readiness, Holiday Trading will be implemented in April 2022 to allow **all MSCI futures and options** to be traded on Hong Kong public holidays¹ starting from Good Friday, 15 April 2022. For Clearing Participants’ (“CPs”) ease of reference, the full list of products (“Holiday Trading Products” or “H Products”) which can be traded and cleared on Hong Kong public holidays² (“Holiday Trading Days” or “H Days”) is set forth in the Attachment.

System and Operation Readiness

CPs who would like to continue clearing H Products after the implementation of Holiday Trading are strongly advised to review their systems and operations to ensure adequate preparations are in place to support Holiday Trading, including OMnet Application Programming Interface (OAPI), trading, clearing, settlement systems (including Back Office Systems), other operational systems and related processes/arrangements as appropriate.

¹ except for holiday of New Year’s Day

Settlement Bank Support

As money settlement is required between Holiday Trading CPs² (“H CPs”) and the HKCC for all products traded under Hong Kong Futures Exchange (“HKFE”) during H Days, the settlement banks of H CPs must support money settlement on H Days.

For CPs who intend to become H CPs, they are strongly advised to contact their respective settlement bank to ensure the readiness of the settlement bank’s support on H Days.

Readiness Test

In order to allow CPs to verify their readiness of the associated systems and operations to continue clearing H Products after the implementation of Holiday Trading on both Business Days and H Days, i.e. becoming H CPs, a readiness test (“RT”) will be held on **26 February 2022**.

Detailed rundown of the RT will be sent to related CPs in due course. CPs are required to secure sufficient IT, OAPI and back office vendors’ support during the RT.

For the avoidance of doubt, CPs who cannot verify and confirm their systems and operations readiness in the RT, i.e. becoming a non-Holiday Trading CPs³ (“NH CPs”), will be required to unwind their positions of H Products 4 weeks after the RT, if any, and will not be able to clear H Products after the implementation of Holiday Trading in any event.

OAPI Testing Environment

To facilitate CPs verification of their OAPI program readiness, the Holiday Trading setting will continue to be available in the DCASS testing environment every Wednesday until the end of February 2022.

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² Details of the requirement to be H CPs can refer to point #21 of the consultation paper.

³ Details of NH Participants and the requirement for NH CPs to unwind positions before H Days can refer to point #22 and point#33 of the consultation paper.

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Attachment

List of products which can be traded on HK public holidays⁴ starting on 15 April 2022

1. MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Net Total Return Index Futures	23. MSCI Japan (JPY) Index Futures
2. MSCI Australia Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	24. MSCI Japan Net Total Return (JPY) Index Futures
3. MSCI China A 50 Connect (USD) Index Futures	25. MSCI Japan Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
4. MSCI China (USD) Index Futures	26. MSCI Malaysia (USD) Index Futures
5. MSCI China Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	27. MSCI Malaysia Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
6. MSCI China Free (USD) Index Futures	28. MSCI New Zealand Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
7. MSCI China Free (USD) Index Options	29. MSCI Pacific ex Japan Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
8. MSCI China Free Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	30. MSCI Pacific Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
9. MSCI Emerging Markets (USD) Index Futures	31. MSCI Philippines (USD) Index Futures
10. MSCI Emerging Markets Asia ex China Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	32. MSCI Philippines Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
11. MSCI Emerging Markets Asia ex Korea Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	33. MSCI Singapore Free (SGD) Index Futures
12. MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	34. MSCI Singapore Free Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
13. MSCI Emerging Markets EMEA Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	35. MSCI Singapore Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
14. MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	36. MSCI Taiwan (USD) Index Futures
15. MSCI Emerging Markets ex Korea Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	37. MSCI Taiwan (USD) Index Options
16. MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	38. MSCI Taiwan Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures

⁴ except for holiday of New Year's Day

17. MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	39. MSCI Taiwan 25/50 (USD) Index Futures
18. MSCI Hong Kong Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	40. MSCI Taiwan 25/50 Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
19. MSCI India (USD) Index Futures	41. MSCI Thailand (USD) Index Futures
20. MSCI India Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	42. MSCI Thailand Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures
21. MSCI Indonesia (USD) Index Futures	43. MSCI Vietnam (USD) Index Futures
22. MSCI Indonesia Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures	44. MSCI Vietnam Net Total Return (USD) Index Futures

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