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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject:HKFE Rule 522C – Dealings with Suspended Exchange ParticipantsEnquiry:surveillance@hkex.com.hk

According to Rule 522C of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Futures Exchange ("**HKFE Rules**"), an Exchange Participant without permission by the Chief Executive of the Exchange should not deal with an Exchange Participant whose Exchange Participantship or right to access HKATS has been suspended (the "**Suspended Exchange Participant**").

In this regard, the Exchange would like to remind Exchange Participants of the following:-

Suspended Exchange Participant should:

- Inform its clients regarding its suspension and the detailed arrangement on handling clients' orders in a timely and proper manner.
- State its trading suspension status when it sends the clients' orders to another Exchange Participant for execution (the "**Appointed Exchange Participant**").
- Ensure the Appointed Exchange Participant has already obtained the necessary prior waiver under HKFE Rule 522C from the Exchange before commencing the handling of clients' orders of the Suspended Exchange Participant.

The Appointed Exchange Participant should apply for the necessary waiver under HKFE Rule 522C from the Exchange before dealing with the Suspended Exchange Participant.



In addition, all Exchange Participants should:

- Have appropriate and effective measures in place, and take reasonable steps to ensure that the Exchange Participants they deal with are not in suspension status¹, unless prior approval has been obtained from the Exchange.
- Observe the obligations under HKFE Rule 506, which stipulates that an Exchange Participant should, as soon as possible, notify the Exchange and the Securities and Futures Commission, where appropriate, of any breach of the HKFE Rules, the Ordinance or any of the conditions in any approval given by the Exchange, by itself or any other Exchange Participant.

The Exchange takes any breaches of rules seriously and may commence disciplinary actions against Participants in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations.

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¹ Suspension of trading is publicly announced through <u>participant circulars</u> and "<u>Participant Information</u> <u>Changes (HKFE)</u>" on HKEX website. The full list of current Participants and their respective trading status is also available on <u>HKEX website</u>.