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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Practice Session for Severe Weather Trading
Enquiry: HKATS Hotline¹ Tel: 2211-6360

Reference is made to the circular dated 15 July 2024 (Ref: [MO/DT/159/24](#) & [MO/DT/160/24](#)) regarding the implementation of Severe Weather Trading (“SWT”) in Hong Kong Securities and Derivatives Markets.

Practice Session

All Exchange Participants (“EPs”) are requested to note that a practice session will be held on **24 August 2024 (Saturday)** to allow EPs to verify their systems and operational flow setups under SWT.

Participation is **optional** and all EPs are encouraged to participate. Interested EPs are required to complete the [registration form](#) and return the completed form to Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“the Exchange”) **on or before 16 August 2024 (Friday)**. Detailed activity rundown for the derivatives market practice session will be provided to the registered EPs by **21 August 2024**. Registered EPs are encouraged to coordinate with their IT teams and/or vendors for necessary planning and preparation for the practice session. Please be noted that apart from practice session for derivatives market, practice session for securities market and stock connect will also be held on 24 August 2024. Please refer to the circular dated 2 August 2024 (Ref: [OPS/CS/010/24](#)) for more information.

Readiness Declaration

¹ All calls to the HKATS hotline would be recorded. Please refer to the following link for HKEX privacy policy statement: [Privacy Notice \(hkex.com.hk\)](#)

All EPs are reminded to declare their readiness for SWT by completing the [form](#) available at the SWT [web corner](#) on HKEX website and submit it through the Electronic Communication Platform (“ECP”) (<https://ecp2.hkex.com.hk/>) **on or before 30 August 2024²**. EPs which have been admitted to the assistance scheme as referred in Circular (Ref.: [MO/DT/159/24](#) & [MO/DT/160/24](#)) will not be required to complete the declaration by 30 August 2024.

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