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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: CCASS Service Enhancements on Stock Connect Markets in August 2021
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Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“HKSCC”) is pleased to announce that the following CCASS enhancements are planned to be rolled out on **30 August 2021** tentatively, subject to the approval of the Securities and Futures Commission. The CCASS enhancements aim to provide greater operational efficiencies and flexibilities to CCASS Participants when performing Stock Segregated Account Transfer Instruction (“STI”) in Stock Connect markets:

- Enhanced STI Batch-run**
The STI Batch-run at 17:00, 17:30, 18:15 and 19:00 will be enhanced to allow STI Transfer from a non-Special Segregated Account (“non-SPSA”) to a Special Segregated Account (“SPSA”), provided that the China Connect Clearing Participant (“CCCP”) has no outstanding Continuous Net Settlement (“CNS”) short position in the same Eligible Security.
- Enhanced STI Online Transfer**
The STI Online Transfer window will be enhanced to allow any STI Transfer involving an SPSA to be effected immediately if input and authorisation of the STI are made at a time after the Final Clearing Statement (“FCS”) is available to the CCCP (i.e. at around 16:00) and before the final CNS Batch-settlement-run (i.e. at 19:00). This enhancement is allowed only where there are sufficient Eligible Securities in the delivering Stock Account. In the event that an STI Transfer involves the delivery of an Eligible Security from a non-SPSA to an SPSA, the CCCP must have no outstanding CNS short position in the same Eligible Security.

Please refer to the Attachment for details of the CCASS enhancements of Stock Connect STI features as compared to the current STI features for reference.

Participants are advised to adopt suitable operational changes and consult their internal IT support units or system vendors to assess whether corresponding changes are needed on their back office systems.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact our hotline at 2979-7123.

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CCASS Service Enhancements tentatively to be implemented on 30 August 2021

1. Stock Connect Markets: Enhanced STI Batch-run

| STI Batch-run | Current | After Enhancement |
|---------------|---|---|
| 17:00 | Only allow STI Transfer between non-SPSA | Only allow STI Transfer (i) between non-SPSA and (ii) from a non-SPSA to an SPSA* |
| 17:30 | All types of STI Transfer allowed excluding STI Transfer from a non-SPSA to an SPSA | All types of STI Transfer allowed* |
| 18:15 | All types of STI Transfer allowed excluding STI Transfer from a non-SPSA to an SPSA | All types of STI Transfer allowed* |
| 19:00 | All types of STI Transfer allowed excluding STI Transfer from a non-SPSA to an SPSA | All types of STI Transfer allowed* |

* provided that STI Transfer from a non-SPSA to an SPSA will be effected only if the CCCP has no outstanding CNS short position in the same Eligible Security

2. Stock Connect Markets: Enhanced STI Online Transfer

| STI Online Transfer | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| From | To | 07:15 – 08:15 | Current | After Enhancement | | 19:00 – 20:00 |
| | | | 08:15 – 19:00 | 08:15 – 16:00 | ~16:00 – 19:00 | |
| Non-SPSA | Non-SPSA | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Non-SPSA | SPSA | ✓ | x | x | ✓* | ✓ |
| SPSA | Non-SPSA | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | ✓ |
| SPSA | SPSA | ✓ | x | x | ✓ | ✓ |

✓: placed in the “Transferred” status (i.e. effected immediately) if the delivering Stock Account contains sufficient Eligible Securities

x: placed in the “Pending for Transfer” status and such STI will be effected if the delivering Stock Account contains sufficient Eligible Securities at the time of an STI Batch-run

* provided that STI Transfer from a non-SPSA to an SPSA will be effected only if the CCCP has no outstanding CNS short position in the same Eligible Security