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HONG KONG SECURITIES CLEARING COMPANY LIMITED

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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Implementation of Severe Weather Trading Starting from 23 September 2024

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Reference is made to the Consultation Conclusions for Severe Weather Trading (“SWT”) of Hong Kong Securities and Derivatives Markets published on 18 June 2024 (“[Consultation Conclusions](#)”) and the circulars dated 15 July 2024 and 2 August 2024 (Ref: [CD/OES/CCASS/030/2024](#) and [CD/OES/CCASS/032/2024](#)). The Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“HKSCC”) is pleased to announce that regulatory approval has been received for the implementation of SWT. SWT will come into effect starting from 23 September 2024.

All Clearing Participants (“CPs”) are requested to note the following:

Operational Arrangements for SWT

Clearing and settlement of securities in HKSCC will remain available during severe weather (“SW”) conditions² (“SWT Day”)³. All CPs are required to support the clearing and settlement activities during SW conditions as they normally would do on a regular settlement day. A summary of operational arrangements in Hong Kong securities market and Northbound Trading under Stock Connect is provided in Attachment 1.

¹All calls to and from the Enquiry Hotline may be recorded. HKEX Privacy Policy Statement is available [here](#).

²Including Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, or “Extreme Conditions” announcement by the HKSAR Government

³With reference to international standards and practices on the operation of the securities and derivatives markets, HKEX will assess specific circumstances in consultation with the HKSAR Government and the Securities and Futures Commission (“SFC”) to decide whether there is an exceptional situation that warrants the markets to be closed. HKEX will make relevant advance announcements to the market as required.

With regard to Qualified Exchange Participants (“QEPs”) and Qualified Clearing Participants (“QCPs”) under the SWT Assistance Scheme, they are reminded to note the waivers from certain requirements and obligations under The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“the Exchange”) and HKSCC respectively, as set out in Attachment 1 of the HKSCC circular published on 15 July 2024 (Ref: [CD/OES/CCASS/030/2024](#)). The list of QEPs and QCPs is available at the designated [web corner](#) on HKEX website.

Final Check on Operational and System Readiness for SWT

To ensure safety, remote working and the use of online services are strongly encouraged on a SWT Day. HKSCC would like to remind CPs to run through the checklist of the [Severe Weather Trading - Readiness Declaration Form](#) to ensure their operational and system readiness for SWT.

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This circular has been issued in the English language with a separate Chinese language translation. If there is any conflict in the circulars between the meaning of Chinese words or terms in the Chinese language version and English words in the English language version, the meaning of the English words shall prevail.

Attachment 1

Summary of Operational Arrangements in Hong Kong Securities Market and Northbound Trading under Stock Connect

			“Business as Usual” or BAU - Trading Day without SW conditions	SWT Day (Starting from 23 September 2024)
Operational Arrangements in Hong Kong Securities Market				
1	Trading	Trading arrangements	Arrangements follow regular trading day	Same as BAU
		Stamp duty collection (for any chargeable stamp duty which is collected by SEHK)	Arrangements follow regular trading day	Same as BAU
		Trading of stocks on ex-entitlement date (“ex-date”) due to a corporate action with ex-entitlement arrangement	Previous closing price is adjusted on the scheduled ex-date	Same as BAU
2	Clearing	Clearing, settlement & collateral management	Arrangements and schedules follow regular trading day and settlement day	Same as BAU
		Availability of CCASS Depository services	Physical outlets of HKSCC and share registrars are open for services	Physical outlets of HKSCC and share registrars are closed. Deposit and withdrawal of physical securities by CCASS Participants are not available as stipulated in the section 17 of HKSCC Operational Procedures
		Physical certificate deposit for settlement purpose	CCASS Participants may deposit physical certificates for CNS settlement purpose on the same day	Settlement will continue. HKSCC may grant an exemption from buy-in due to SW Implication: Relevant CPs should file request for exemption from buy-in
		Determination of the eligibility of corporate actions	According to the last registration date as scheduled	HKSCC will refer to the original last registration date as the date to determine eligibility of corporate actions in CCASS for CCASS Participants. If CCASS participants can lodge and complete the

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				deposit and withdrawal with CCASS on the postponed last registration date due to closure of physical outlets, the relevant entitlements in CCASS will be adjusted accordingly.
		Order placement and settlement of ETF creation/redemptions	Proceed as scheduled	Same as BAU, it is subject to the ETF fund manager's acceptance on the creation/redemption application on any trading day and their acceptance of extended settlement application on any due date for settlement.
		Cash settlement for Structured Products	Available	Same as BAU
3	Risk Management	Risk management arrangement such as mark-to-market, margin, Guarantee Fund (“GF”) contributions, collateral policy and default management	Arrangements and schedules follow regular trading day	Same as BAU
4	Market Data	Data dissemination of HKEX Orion Market Data Platform – Securities Market (“OMD-C”), including Mainland Market Data Hub (“MMDH”)	Available for connection with full market data dissemination	Same as BAU
		Real time index dissemination	Available	Same as BAU
5	EIPO	EIPO via FINI	Arrangements follow regular trading day	Same as the arrangement before SWT that only when SW conditions in force at any time between 9:00am and 12:00 noon on public offer closing day, such day and the corresponding IPO timetable will delay.

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Operational Arrangements in Northbound Trading under Stock Connect				
1	Trading	Trading	Arrangements follow regular trading day	Same as BAU
2	Clearing	Clearing, settlement & collateral management	Arrangements and schedules follow regular trading day and settlement day	Same as BAU
3	Risk Management	Risk Management arrangements such as Mainland Settlement Deposit, Mainland Security Deposit, GF contributions, collateral policy and default management	Arrangements and schedules follow regular trading day	Same as BAU
4	Market Data	Data dissemination of HKEX Orion Market Data and Platform – China Connect (Securities) (“OMD-CC”)	Available for connection with full market data dissemination	Same as BAU