

香港聯合交易所有限公司  
(香港交易及結算所有限公司全資附屬公司)

**THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED**  
(A wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited)

## 通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Amendments to the Rules of the Exchange (the “Rules”)

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Holders of Stock Exchange Trading Rights and Exchange Participants are requested to note that the Securities and Futures Commission has approved amendments to the Rules for the purpose of introducing a self-match prevention service in the securities market of Hong Kong.

The amendments, as set out in the Appendix, will come into effect on Tuesday, 2 April 2024.

The marked-up version of the amendments can be downloaded from the “[Rule Update - Rules of the Exchange](#)” section of the HKEX website.

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

**Rules of the Exchange**

**CHAPTER 1**

**INTERPRETATION**

101. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

- “Self-match Prevention” or “SMP” means the prevention of the matching in the System during the Continuous Trading Session of orders that are tagged with the same SMP ID whereby the relevant order(s) will be automatically cancelled in accordance with the specified SMP Instruction;
- “SMP ID” means a code, number or identifier to be used for tagging orders entered into the System for the account of the same Exchange Participant, client or other person in such manner as the Exchange may from time to time prescribe for the purpose of SMP;
- “SMP Instruction” means either of the following instructions specified by the relevant Exchange Participant for an SMP ID in relation to new and existing orders in separate order queues that are tagged with such SMP ID that might otherwise have been matched:-
- (a) “Cancel Aggressive”, that is, the newly entered order or, if such newly entered order is partially matched before any existing order with the same SMP ID is at the top of the order queue, the remaining unmatched part of such newly entered order will be cancelled by the System; or
  - (b) “Cancel Passive”, that is, the existing order or, if such existing order is partially matched before the newly entered order with the same SMP ID is at the top of the order queue, the remaining unmatched part of such existing order will be cancelled by the System;

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **TRADING**

#### **Operational Trading Rules**

##### **Self-match Prevention**

- 513D. An Exchange Participant may apply for Self-match Prevention service for itself, its clients or other persons by submitting to the Exchange such form and such supporting documents as it may prescribe from time to time. An SMP ID will be assigned by the Exchange for the Exchange Participant or each client or other person approved by the Exchange under the Exchange Participant's application. Any SMP ID so assigned may only be tagged to orders of the Exchange Participant, a client or such other person approved by the Exchange, as the case may be, in accordance with such requirements as the Exchange may from time to time prescribe.
- 513E. An Exchange Participant acknowledges that orders tagged with an SMP ID entered into the System may be cancelled as part of the SMP. The Exchange shall in no case be liable for any failure or unavailability of, or error or defect in the functioning of the SMP.
- 513F. An SMP ID may be used by more than one Exchange Participant. An Exchange Participant must obtain approval from the Exchange for the use of the SMP and each SMP ID. To be approved to use the SMP and an SMP ID, an applicant Exchange Participant shall apply in writing to the Exchange and demonstrate initially and on a continuous basis to the satisfaction of the Exchange that it has implemented appropriate and effective measures and taken reasonable steps to ensure that the use of the SMP and each SMP ID is in compliance with the requirements as the Exchange may from time to time prescribe. The Exchange Participant shall be responsible and liable for the use of each SMP ID and shall notify the Exchange promptly where it becomes aware of any breach, infringement or non-compliance of these Rules or requirements as may be prescribed by the Exchange from time to time, or acts of or potential market misconduct whether by itself, its clients or other persons.
- 513G. If the Chief Executive is of the opinion that any of the requirements related to the SMP are not properly followed by an Exchange Participant or any of its clients or other persons approved under its SMP application, including any improper acts or practices in connection with their use of the SMP, the Chief Executive may by notice to the Exchange Participant, suspend or prohibit the Exchange Participant or any of its clients or other persons from using the SMP by suspending or invalidating the relevant SMP ID or otherwise, or impose such additional requirement for the use as he may consider appropriate.
- 513H. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in these Rules, if more than one Exchange Participant applies to the Exchange for SMP service for the same person, each Exchange Participant's identity and its approval to use the SMP ID for such person may be disclosed to the other Exchange Participant(s) as the Exchange considers appropriate.