

HKEX HOSTING SERVICES LIMITED

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**Guidance Note on
HKEX Service Network Connectivity Extension Restriction**

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DETAILS

The HKEX Service Network, or HSN, Connectivity Service Extension Restriction is set out in the paragraph headed “B. Connectivity Services – (i) HKEX Service Network (HSN) Connectivity Service” in Schedule 2 to the Hosting Services Subscription Agreement entered between Subscribers and HKEX Hosting Services, which reads as follow:

“Connection provided under the HSN Connectivity Service shall not be extended outside the Site by the Subscriber by any means.”

INTREPRETATION

To assist Subscribers in ensuring compliance with the HSN Connectivity Service Extension Restriction, this guidance note is provided to clarify that equipment used for connections to various trading systems through the HSN Connectivity Service should be installed inside the Data Centre. Such equipment shall include computer servers, network equipment, equipment running the Broker Supplied System or OMnet Application Programming Interface for automatic generation of orders, including algorithmic trading orders and market making quotes, and equipment running the Open Gateway or Network Gateway applications. A connection through the HSN Connectivity Service via any of the above-mentioned equipment installed outside the Data Centre would be regarded as an extension of the HSN Connectivity Service outside the Data Centre and thus a breach of the HSN Connectivity Service Extension Restriction.

ENQUIRY

If you are a Subscriber with a question or comment regarding this Guidance Note, please contact the Business Development Team of HKEX Hosting Services at +852 2211 6447 or hssales@hkex.com.hk.

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