

CERTIFICATION TEST PROCEDURES

HKEX Orion Market Data Platform Securities Market & Index Datafeed Products Mainland Market Data Hub (MMDH)

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1 Introduction

HKEX Mainland Market Data Hub ("MMDH") is developed to provide real-time market information in Mainland China. The Mainland clients, referred as "Clients", can subscribe to the services of MMDH to receive real-time digital market data.

Clients intending to make direct connection to the MMDH Server to receive market data are required to complete a Certification Test ("the Cert Test") conducted in the Cert Test Environment with positive results. The Cert Test aims to facilitate Clients' verification of the technical readiness of their feed handlers for receiving and processing MMDH messages.

This document specifies the testing procedures in the Cert Test for receiving data from the HKEX Orion Market Data Platform for Securities Market and Index Datafeed Products (OMD-C) via the MMDH.

The Cert Test requirements could be changed and fine-tuned from time to time.

The intended readers of this document are the technical personnel of the MMDH Clients who will conduct the Cert Test. The authorized person of the MMDH Clients for the declaration of readiness should also read this document to understand the Cert Test requirements.

2 Pre-requisites

Clients are required to fulfill the pre-requisite requirements below before proceeding to the Cert Test:

- Development of feed handler in accordance with MMDH Interface Specification
- Successful testing of the feed handler with MMDH onboarding tools
- Connection to the Cert Testing Environment according to the Sample Client Configuration Sheet
- Submission of MMDH On-boarding Tools Workload Report (with Average of Mean Delay less than 1 second)

3 Testing Approach & Certification Policy

The MMDH Cert Test Rundown and Answer Sheet (in MS EXCEL format) will be provided before the commencement of the Cert Test. Clients have to follow the test flow in the rundown and fill in the Answer Sheets accordingly and return the completed Answer Sheets. MMDH support personnel will check the Answer Sheet to verify if the client's feed handlers can interpret the MMDH messages correctly and handle the technical features of MMDH properly.

Clients must participate in all test sessions in the Cert Test unless specified otherwise and achieve results. If a client fails in any cases in the Cert Test, the client should re-test their feed handler in the Cert Testing Environment before requesting another test slot to re-conduct the failed cases in Cert Test.

4 Readiness of Indirect Connection Clients

Clients who are providing MMDH feeds in MMDH original format to the indirect connection MMDH Clients are required to ensure the readiness of such indirect connection Clients by providing the proper MMDH environment to them to complete all test scenarios as indicated in this document.

5 Test Arrangement and Procedure

In general, during the Cert Test a stream of MMDH unicast messages will be sent over the testing lines.

The Cert Test will be conducted according to a test time table which covers all trading sessions in a normal full trading day or a normal half trading day. There may be exceptions for some technical test conditions where a special half trading day timetable will be used. The actual test time tables with time set for each trading session status will be provided to the participants of the Cert Test in due course. Clients are required to conduct the Cert Test according to the test time table.

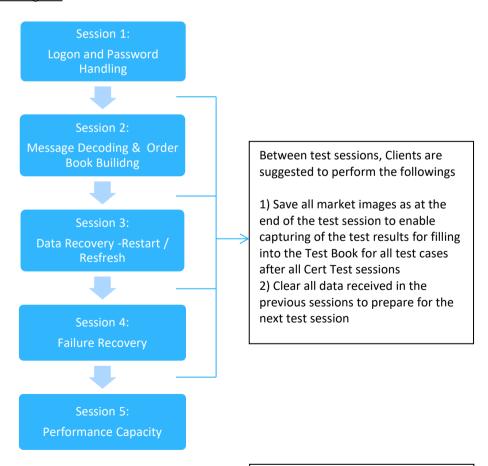
The Cert Test will normally be completed in a day. There will be 5 test sessions arranged in the Cert Test to cover the 5 test scopes as stated below. Clients will need to restart their applications, or clear the cached data between test sessions, as different data sets will be used for different sessions.

Before the commencement of the Cert Test, Test Book will be distributed to the Clients which covers details of messages and conditions to be tested in the 5 Cert Test sessions and the requested results for the Clients to capture and mark in the Test Book for verification. When the completed Test Book submitted by the Clients are verified passing the Cert Test, Clients can declare their successful completion of the Cert Test and proceed to the next on-boarding stage – MMDH Market Rehearsal.

Clients should configure and synchronize their system clock with GMT clock for the Cert Test.

The diagram below illustrates the flow in the Cert Test:

Cert Test Flow Diagram



At the end of the Cert Test, retrieve the saved images to prepare answering the Test Book for all test cases

6 Scope of Test

The Cert Test covers test cases in the following 5 areas:

Te	st Area	Objectives	Test Conditions
1.	Logon and Password Handling	Simulation of the various scenarios to enable Clients to verify the ability of their feed handler to logon MMDH and password handling	Section 7.1 1 – 3
2.	Message Decoding & Order Book Building	All data messages specified in the MMDH Interface Specification will be transmitted to enable Clients to ensure their correct interpretation of each data field received from the MMDH datafeed.	Section 7.2 4 - 5
3.	Data Recovery (Restart / Refresh)	Simulation of various data loss scenarios to enable Clients to verify the ability of their feed handler to recover lost data or latest market snapshot by Restart / Refresh.	Section 7.3 6.1 – 6.2
4.	Failover to Secondary Server	Simulation of the primary Server failure and enable Clients to connect to secondary Server for continue processing	Section 7.2 8.1
5.	Performance / Capacity	Transmission of high volume data to enable Clients to ensure the ability of their feed handler to meet the capacity requirements.	Section 7.2 7.1

7 Test Conditions

This section lists out the conditions to be covered in both functional and technical aspects. A Client should ensure that its system meets all of the test conditions before participating in the Cert Test.

7.1 Logon and Password Handling

Test Condition	Details	IS* Reference
1	Handling of Normal Logon	
1.1	Simulation of Normal Logon:	
	Client makes connection to MMDH Server	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Expected result: Client receives SendKey (1105) message upon connection	
	Client calculates password and sends a Logon (1101) message	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 0 (Session Active). Client receives data from Server.	
2	Handling of Invalid Logon	
2.1	Simulation of Invalid Username or Password:	
	Client makes connection to MMDH Server	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Expected result: Client receives SendKey (1105) message upon connection	,
	Client sends a Logon (1101) message with invalid username or password	Control Messages (3.4.2, 3.4.3 & 3.4.4)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 5 (Invalid username or password).	0.1.7)
	Follow section 1.1 procedures to resume normal operation.	
2.2	Simulation of Account Locked:	
	Client makes connection to MMDH Server	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Expected result: Client receives SendKey (1105) message upon connection	,

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Test Condition	Details	IS* Reference
	Client sends Logon (1101) message with invalid username or password repeatedly 5 more times and force Server to lock the Client account.	Control Messages (3.4.2, 3.4.3 & 3.4.4)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 6 (Account locked). Inform MMDH support personnel to reactivate Client's account.	
	Follow section 1.1 procedures to resume normal operation.	
2.3	Simulation of Session password due to expire:	
	MMDH support personnel will set the Client's password expired on next day before conducting the test case	
	Client makes connection to MMDH Server	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Expected result: Client receives SendKey (1105) message upon connection	
	Client sends a Logon (1101) message	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 2 (Session password due to expire).	
	Client receives data from Server.	
2.4	Simulation of Password expired :	
	MMDH support personnel will set the Client's password expired on current day before conducting the test case	
	Client makes connection to MMDH Server	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Expected result: Client receives SendKey (1105) message upon connection	
	Client sends a Logon (1101) message	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 8 (Password expired).	(3.4.2 & 3.4.3)
	Follows section 3.2 procedures to change password and resume operation	
2.5	Simulation of Duplicated Logon :	
	Client makes connection to MMDH Server	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Expected result: Client receives SendKey (1105) message upon connection	(5)

Test	Details	IS* Reference
Condition	Client makes second connection and sends a Logon (1101) message	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 0 (Session Active). Client receives data from Server.	
	Client sends a Logon (1101) message using the same Username	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 104 (Already Connected) for the second connection and receives Logout (1103) message for the first connection from Server with SessionStatus Value of 102 (Logon from second connection). Both the first and second connections will be disconnected.	
	Follow section 1.1 procedures to resume normal operation.	
3	Password Handling	
3.1	Simulation of Change Password does not comply with password policy:	
	Client makes connection to MMDH Server	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Expected result: Client receives SendKey (1105) message upon connection	
	Client sends a Logon (1101) message with EncryptedNewPasswordLen and EncryptedNewPassword set.	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3) Password Policy (2.2.1)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 3 (New session password does not comply with policy).	
3.2	Simulation of Change Password:	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Client makes connection to MMDH Server	(6)
	Expected result: Client receive SendKey (1105) message upon connection	
	Client sends a Logon (1101) message with EncryptedNewPasswordLen and EncryptedNewPassword set.	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 1 (Session password changed).	

7.2 Functional Tests

Test Condition	Details	IS* Reference
4	Handling of Control Messages	
4.1	Client keep sending <i>Heartbeat</i> message to MMDH Server in every few seconds as stated in the Logon Response (1102) HeartBtInterval	Control Messages (3.3.1)
	Without Data Message transmitting from MMDH to Client, Heartbeat messages transmitted from MMDH in every few seconds as stated in the Logon Response (1102) HeartBtInterval	Control Messages (3.3.1)
	Client receives Heartbeat message to MMDH Server	
	Expected result:	
	Client keep connected to MMDH without disconnection	
5	Handling of Market Data Messages	
5.1	Market Definition messages covering all markets	Reference Data (3.6.1)
5.2	Security Definition messages covering (i) all available InstrumentType (ii) 0 & 1 NoUnderlyingSecurities (iii) securities in all markets (iv) securities with non-blank FreeText	Reference Data (3.6.2)
5.3	Liquidity Provider messages with at least one with NoLiquidityProviders set to each of the value 1 & 5	Reference Data (3.6.3)
5.4	Currency Rate messages covering all currencies currently available in HKEX Securities Market	Reference Data (3.6.4)
5.5	Trading Session Status messages covering the full range of values in <u>TradingSessionSubID</u> , <u>TradingSesStatus</u> & <u>TradingSesControlFlag</u>	Status Data (3.7.1)
5.6	Security Status messages will be sent with SecurityTradingStatus set to 2 (Trading Halt) & 3 (Resume) at Start of Day and Intraday	Status Data (3.7.2)
5.7	A series of book messages covering all possible book operations for <u>Bid/Offer</u> orders during various trading sessions in a normal trading day	Order Book Data (3.8.1-3.8.4)
	Aggregate Order Book Update messages covering all possible aggregate book management operations	
	Broker Queue messages covering empty broker queue, broker queues with more than 1 spread broker information, broker queues with exactly 40 entries and broker queues with more than 40 entries in the book	
	Add / Delete Odd Lot Order messages covering odd lot order book management operations.	

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Test Condition	Details	IS* Reference
5.8	Order Imbalance will be sent to provide order imbalance information at the Indicative Equilibrium Price (IEP) during the Closing Auction Session (CAS).	Order Book Data (3.8.5)
5.9	Trade Ticker messages covering different TrdType and at least one of the messages with TrdCancelFlag set on and non-zero AggregateQuantity to set example for partial ticker cancel	Trade & Price Data (3.9.1)
5.10	Closing Price messages covering majority non-zero closing price and a few zero closing price (for new securities without order/trade activities)	Trade & Price Data (3.9.2)
5.11	Nominal Price messages covering majority non-zero nominal price and a few zero nominal prices (for new securities).	Trade & Price Data (3.9.3)
5.12	Indicative Equilibrium Price messages covering that during Auction Session (majority non-zero and some zero IEP) and after Auction Matching (all zero IEP)	Trade & Price Data (3.9.4)
5.13	Reference Price messages will be sent to provide the reference price, lower and upper price limits for order input during an applicable auction session. For CAS (Closing Auction Session), a Reference Price message is generated at the start of the session for all the securities tradable on the day, regardless of whether it is a CAS applicable security or not. No Reference Price messages are sent for (POS) Pre-Opening Session.	Trade & Price Data (3.9.5)
5.14	VCM Trigger messages will be sent intraday for VCM triggered if a stock is ± 10% away from the last traded price 5-min ago	Trade & Price Data (3.9.6)
5.15	Statistics messages covering both shortsell and non-shortsell securities and securities with some of the statistics data unavailable, e.g. <u>HighPrice</u> , <u>LowPrice</u> , <u>Turnover</u> , <u>SharesTraded</u> , <u>LastPrice</u> if no order/trades activities for the securities	Value Added Data (3.10.1)
5.16	Market Turnover message covering all markets and all available currencies available in HKEX Securities Market	Value Added Data (3.10.2)
5.17	Yield messages covering non-zero Yield and zero Yield (i.e. yield is not available)	Value Added Data (3.10.3)
5.18	News messages covering multiple segmented news	News
5.19	Index Definition messages covering all types of indexes offered in MMDH Index datafeed product	(3.11.1) Index Data (3.12.1)
5.20	Index Data messages covering all types of indexes offered in MMDH Index with some of the messages with Null and/or populated values for some of the fields	Index Data (3.12.2)
5.21	Stock Connect Daily Quota Balance messages covering non-zero DQB and zero DQB	Stock Connect Data (3.13.1)

Test Conditions

Test Condition	Details	IS* Reference
5.22	Stock Connect Market Turnover messages covering non- zero turnover and zero turnover	Stock Connect Data (3.13.2)
	Expected Result for Test Conditions 5.1 – 5.22: Clients are able to extract the market data messages encapsulated in the TCP packets and to decode the messages according to the MMDH Interface Specifications for display and/or further processing.	
	Clients are able to build the correct aggregate order book, full odd lot order book and conflated broker queue comprising spread and broker information.	

7.3 Technical Tests

Test Condition	Details	IS* Reference
6	Data Recovery Client is required to disconnect from and then reconnect to MMDH Server to trigger the data recovery for Test Condition 6.1 –Data Recovery by Refresh and then Test Condition 6.2 Data Recovery by Restart.	
6.1	Simulation of data recovery exceeds Server cache (Refresh): Client makes connection to MMDH host	Control Messages (3.4.1)
	Expected result: Client receives SendKey (1105) message upon connection Client calculates password and sends a Logon (1101) message	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3)
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 0 (Session Active). Client receives data from Server.	
	Client start receiving market data from Server Client disconnect from Server by closing the TCP connection	Recovery (4.1 & 5.2)
	Client sends a Logon (1101) message after 5 minutes to reconnect to Server with the IntenalSeqNum filled by the "last InternalSeqNum" receive just right before disconnection.	
	Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 101 (Session Active – refresh required).	Recovery (4.2 & 5.3)
	Client sends Refresh Request (1201) messages to Server.	
	Expected result: Client receives RefreshResponse (1202) message from Server and follow by lastest market snapshot data messages. Client receives Refresh Complete (203) message upon the end of latest market snapshot and normal market data message continues.	

Test Condition	Details	IS* Reference
6.2	Simulation of data recovery within Server cache (Restart): Client disconnect from Server by closing the TCP connection Client sends a Logon (1101) message within 1 minute to reconnect to Server with the IntenalSeqNum filled by the "last InternalSeqNum" receive just right before disconnection. Expected result: Client receives LogonResponse (1102) message from Server with SessionStatus Value of 0 (Session Active). Client receives data message with "last InternalSeqNum"+1 from Server and keep connected to the server until the end of the session.	Control Messages (3.4.2 & 3.4.3) Recovery (4.1 & 5.2)
7 7.1	Capacity Market Data will be disseminated at high rate on all OMD-C MMDH datafeed products. Clients are expected to receive market data volume at a rate that will drive to the peak bandwidth requirements for each datafeed product. Expected Result: Client is able to handle full capacity for MMDH with no reconnection.	N/A Performance Testing

Test Condition	Details	IS* Reference
8	Failure Recovery	
8.1	Simulation of MMDH Primary Node Failure (for Non-Standard Configuration)	Error Recovery (2.2.5)
	Expected Result: Clients follow steps in 6.1 (but within 1 minute) and able to connect to Primary Server and continue to receive market data	
	Clients are able to extract the market data messages encapsulated in the TCP packets and to decode the messages according to the MMDH Interface Specifications for display and/or further processing.	
	Clients are able to build the correct aggregate order book, full odd lot order book and conflated broker queue comprising spread and broker information.	
8.2	Simulation of MMDH Primary Node Failure (for Standard Configuration)	Error Recovery (2.2.5)
	Expected Result: Clients follow steps in 6.1 (but within 1 minute) and able to connect to Secondary Server and continue to receive market data.	
	Clients are able to extract the market data messages encapsulated in the TCP packets and to decode the messages according to the MMDH Interface Specifications for display and/or further processing.	
	Clients are able to build the correct aggregate order book, full odd lot order book and conflated broker queue comprising spread and broker information.	

^{*} IS refers to MMDH Interface Specifications for Securities Market & Index Datafeed Products – Binary Protocol

8 OMD-C MMDH Certification Test Rundown

The following test sessions will be available for clients to perform their testing in the OMD-C MMDH Certification Test Environment during the test period as notified by us from time to time (effective from 7 February 2025):

Please note that the start/end times for each session are indicative only. Clients may observe slight deviation in the actual tests. Clients should check the MMDH Certification Test Answer Sheet based on the last image of the session (i.e. after Trading Session Status becomes DC, i.e. Day Close)

Test Session	Description	Timetable	Remark				
Certificatio	Functional	Session 1		Monday &			
n Test	part (Session 1 – 2)	Start Time	End Time	Status*	Market	Test Condition	Thursday
		08:42:06	09:32:03	NO	All		
				El	All		3
				OC	All		
		09:37:31		CT	All	1.1 to 3	
		13:00:00		CT	All	4.1	
		Session 2 building)	Tuesday & Friday				
		Start Time	End Time	Status*	Market	Test condition	
		09:00:00	09:14:59	POS OI	All		
		09:15:00	09:19:59	POS NC	All		
		09:20:00	09:27:59	POS MA	All		
		09:28:00	09:29:59	BL	All		
		09:30:30	11:59:59	CT	All		
		12:00:00	12:04:59	El	All but ETS		
		12:05:00	12:29:59	CL	All but ETS		
		12:30:00	12:59:59	OC	All but ETS	5.1 to	
		13:00:00	15:59:59	CT	All	5.1 to5.22	
		16:00:00	16:00:59	CAS RP	All	J.22	
		16:01:00	16:05:59	CAS OI	All		
		16:06:00	16:07:59	CAS NW	All		
		16:08:00	16:10:00	CAS RC	All		
		16:08:00	16:10:00	CAS MA	All		
		16:08:00	16:10:00	DC	All		
	Exception Handling part	Session 3	rom 08:00	to 18:30 very – res	onment wil		Monday & Thursday
	(Session 3 –	Time					
		13:42:06	14:03:11	NO	All		
	(Session 3 –			NO El	All All		
	(Session 3 –	13:42:06	14:40:47				
	(Session 3 –	13:42:06 14:03:12	14:40:47 14:45:09	El	All	6.1 & 6.2	
	(Session 3 –	13:42:06 14:03:12 14:40:48	14:40:47 14:45:09 15:37:54	EI OC	AII AII	6.1 & 6.2	
	(Session 3 –	13:42:06 14:03:12 14:40:48 14:45:10	14:40:47 14:45:09 15:37:54 15:38:45	EI OC CT	All All	6.1 & 6.2	

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	Start Time	End Time	Status*	Market	Test condition	
	16:10:10	16:30:09	NO	All		Monday &
	16:30:10	17:08:40	El	All		Thursday
	17:08:41	17:13:06	OC	All		
	17:13:07	18:04:22	CT	All	8.1 or 8.2	
	18:04:23	18:05:11	El	All		
	18:05:12	18:06:01	CL	All		
	18:06:02	N/A	DC	All		
Performance Session 5 (performance and capacity)						Monday &
& Capacity (Session 5)	Start Time	End Time	Status*	Market	Test condition	Thursday
	18:27:00	18:31:59	СТ	All	7.1	
	18:32:00	18:37:00	System Shutdown	All		

Certification Test Schedule

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Certification Test Session 1, 3, 4 & 5 (Existing Production Version) Certification Test Answer Sheet (version 1.5)	Certification Test Session 2 (Existing Production Version) Certification Test Answer Sheet (version 1.5)	Production Data Replay	Certification Test Session 1, 3, 4 & 5 (Existing Production Version) Certification Test Answer Sheet (version 1.5)	Certification Test Session 2 (Version for Enhancement of Settlement Arrangement for Multi-counter Eligible Securities) Certification Test Answer Sheet (version 1.6)