

**Options Trading Rules**

**THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED**

**OPTIONS TRADING RULES**

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**CHAPTER 1**

**DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

**Definitions**

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

“Extreme Conditions”	means the occurrence of “extreme conditions” as announced by any government authority of Hong Kong due to serious disruption of public transport services, extensive flooding, major landslides, large-scale power outage or any other adverse conditions before Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is replaced with Typhoon Signal No. 3 or below;
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**CHAPTER 9**

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

**Suspension of Options Trading**

903. If, in the opinion of the Board, or the Chief Executive in consultation with the Commission, the functioning or operation of the Options System is, or is threatened or likely to be, impaired (whether by reason of any fire, other casualty, accident, typhoon, Extreme Conditions, power failure, communications breakdown, computer malfunction or any other event) in relation to one or more Options Trading Exchange Participants, the Board shall have full authority to take such action as it may, in its absolute discretion, consider necessary

to deal with such impairment, including, but not limited to, the adjustment of the times for the commencement and closure of various activities in the Options System. Any such action may result in the inability of one or more Options Trading Exchange Participants to enter into Options Contracts and, accordingly, in the inability of one or more Options Broker Exchange Participants to enter into Options Broker Client Contracts and of clients of Options Exchange Participants to enter into Client Contracts. Furthermore, Options Trading Exchange Participants may from time to time be prevented from, or hindered in, entering into Options Contracts as a result of a failure of communications, of an HKATS workstation or of the Options System.

**Typhoon Signals, Extreme Conditions and Black Rainstorm Warnings**

- 904.** Trading in all option series may be temporarily suspended in accordance with the Operational Trading Procedures in the event of a Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above being hoisted, Extreme Conditions being announced or a black rainstorm warning being issued.