

**Operational Trading Procedures for Options Trading Exchange Participants**

**APPENDIX B: OPTIONS CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

**B11 Tier Levels**

All option classes are classified into three tiers. Different trading tariffs are applicable to Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 option classes as specified in Appendix A. Unless otherwise expressly specified by the Exchange, the tier level of an option class is determined by the nominal value\* of the total number of shares of the underlying stock in respect of an option contract fixed before introduction of the option class. An option class with a nominal value above HK\$25,000 (or an equivalent amount) will be classified as Tier 1, an option class with a nominal value of HK\$25,000 (or an equivalent amount) or below but above HK\$10,000 (or an equivalent amount) will be classified as Tier 2 and an option class with a nominal value of HK\$10,000 (or an equivalent amount) or less will be classified as Tier 3.

The Exchange has absolute discretion to determine the tier level and will review the tier level either on a regular basis or as and when there are capital adjustments to the underlying stock of the option class.

Any determination of a tier level for a new option class will be notified to Options Trading Exchange Participants via HKATS, email or such other means as the Exchange considers appropriate.

\* The nominal value will be determined according to the closing price of the underlying stock one trading day before the consultation with the Commission. When the underlying stock has no prior trading on the Exchange, the offer price per share of the public offering of the underlying stock (exclusive of brokerage, SFC Transaction Levy, FRC Transaction Levy and Investor Compensation Levy) will be used and in the event that the offer price is not available, the lowest offer price of the indicative offer price range stated in the prospectus will be used.