

CHAPTER 9

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Suspension of Options Trading

901. Facilities for trading Options Contracts on the Exchange may at any time be suspended, restricted or withdrawn for a temporary period or for such longer period as may be determined by the Board in prior consultation with the Commission.
902. Suspension, restrictions or withdrawals of facilities for trading Options Contracts on the Exchange may be ordered by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Commission, notwithstanding Options Trading Rule 901 if, in his opinion, it is not possible for a meeting of the Board to be convened immediately. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman, shall arrange a meeting of the Board as soon as possible after such suspension, restriction or withdrawal. The Chief Executive may not otherwise suspend, restrict or withdraw facilities for the trading of Options Contracts on the Exchange.
903. If in the opinion of the Chief Executive, the Board or the HKEX board an emergency (including but not limited to fire, epidemic or other casualty or accident, severe weather conditions, earthquake, natural disaster, power failures, communications breakdowns, computer malfunction, war, riot, civil commotion, labour strike, terrorist attack and other similar events) is imminent or threatened or has occurred or developed, and in consequence no orderly trading of Options Contracts on the Exchange can take place, the Chief Executive (with prior reference to the Board) and the Board shall have full authority (in consultation with the Commission) to suspend trading and to take such other action as the Chief Executive and the Board may, in their absolute discretion, deem necessary or appropriate to deal with such emergency or as directed by the HKEX board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Chief Executive may suspend trading under this Rule without prior reference to the Board if, but only if, in his opinion it is not possible for a meeting of the Board to be convened immediately. The Chief Executive may not otherwise suspend trading under this Rule and whenever trading is suspended by the Chief Executive without prior reference to the Board in accordance with this Rule, he shall arrange for a meeting of the Board to be held as soon as practicable after trading has been suspended. Under no circumstances shall the Exchange or HKEX be responsible for damages arising from any such emergency or any action taken by the Exchange in respect thereof.

Special Events

904. [Repealed]
- 904A. Unless otherwise determined by the Exchange, the Exchange will, by notice to Options Trading Exchange Participants using the Market Messages Window of HKATS and/or such other means as it considers appropriate, suspend trading of an option class as soon as practicable after trading of the underlying stock is suspended in the stock market on which the underlying stock is listed. If the trading of the underlying stock has been suspended for three months or more, or if a shareholders' resolution is passed and the relevant regulatory authority's approval is granted for the privatization of the issuer of the underlying stock, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Commission, may discontinue the trading of the option class. No action shall lie against and no liability of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, shall

be incurred by the Exchange directly or indirectly in connection with any such suspension of option classes.

Facsimile Instruction Entry

905. In circumstances where access to the Options Trading System and/or the Options Clearing System is suspended, restricted, or withdrawn pursuant to these Options Trading Rules in relation to one or more Options Trading Exchange Participants, the Exchange may allow those Options Trading Exchange Participants which have entered into a facsimile indemnity agreement with the Exchange to transmit their orders, quotes and other permitted instructions relating to the Options Trading System functions, and SEOCH may allow those Options Trading Exchange Participants that are SEOCH Participants and have entered into a facsimile indemnity agreement with SEOCH to transmit their give-up, take-up, exercise and other permitted instructions relating to the Options Clearing System functions, by facsimile to designated HKEX staff who will, subject to and in accordance with the Operational Trading Procedures and Operational Clearing Procedures, perform the relevant Options Trading System and/or Options Clearing System functions on behalf of such Options Trading Exchange Participant. All the provisions of these Options Trading Rules and the Clearing Rules, other than in relation to the entry of instructions into the Options System, shall apply to any resulting Options Contracts and other Contracts as if the Options Trading Exchange Participant had itself entered them into the Options Trading System and/or the Options Clearing System.