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The Chief Executive All Regulated Entities

Dear Sir / Madam,

## OTC Derivatives Trade Repository of the HKMA Revised Technical Specifications for Expanded Scope Mandatory Reporting

Further to my letter dated 6 June 2016 announcing that a new phase of the over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives trade repository of the HKMA (HKTR) was launched and corresponding technical specifications including the Administrative and Interface Development Guide ("AIDG") were published, to cover all OTC derivatives products and reporting of valuation information for supporting the expanded scope of mandatory reporting of OTC derivatives transactions ("Phase 2 Reporting"), I am writing to inform that a revised Administrative and Interface Development Guide ("AIDG") will be published in October 2016 to update technical specifications in response to the Further Consultation Conclusions on Introducing Mandatory Clearing and Expanding Mandatory Reporting and a Gazette (Government Notice Number: 3912) published by the regulators on 15 July 2016.

On 15 July 2016, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) jointly published the *Further Consultation Conclusions* on Introducing Mandatory Clearing and Expanding Mandatory Reporting ("Phase 2 Reporting") ("the further conclusion paper") and a Gazette (Government Notice Number: 3912) ("the gazette") for mandatory reporting requirement under the Phase 2 Reporting. In response to the revised regulatory proposals on various technical aspects and mandatory reporting data field requirements in the further conclusion paper and the gazette, a set of updated requirements and technical specifications for reporting, to be set out in version 1.5.2 of the Administration and Interface Development Guide ("AIDG"), will be published in October 2016. Reporting entities

are reminded to read the revised AIDG (version 1.5.2) carefully to ensure that they are fully aware of the changes (from the version 1.5.1 published on 6 June 2016).

The key changes between the AIDG (version 1.5.1) and the revised AIDG (version 1.5.2) will include (i) Additional of mandatory data fields (i.e. Hybrid-Other Asset Class, Compression, Special Terms Indicator), (ii) updates of the enumerated values and (iii) updates of the data field description. These key changes can be found in the further conclusion paper and the gazette.

The testing environment for the updates made in the revised AIDG (version 1.5.2) will be available in the Q4 of 2016 to facilitate TR members and reporting agents to conduct the relevant tests themselves. Please contact HKTR at (852) 8100 3115 or email to hktr@hkma.gov.hk for details.

## Transition from existing to new reporting standards

Though the Phase 2 Reporting will not come into effective immediately, the existing reporting standards and technical specifications found in all the previous versions of AIDG will be phased out and no longer able to support the mandatory reporting requirements under the Phase 2 Reporting. Reporting entities are reminded to make preparations to adopt the revised AIDG (version 1.5.2) as soon as possible to ensure that they will be ready when the Phase 2 mandatory reporting requirements start to apply. In addition, before reporting transactions of new reporting products through the system, reporting entities are required to lodge a readiness declaration form with the HKTR.

If there are any questions about regulatory issues including the Phase 2 Reporting requirements, please contact the Banking Policy Department of the HKMA at (852) 2878 1279 or email to bpd\_otc@hkma.gov.hk (for Authorized Institutions); the Financial Market Infrastructure Oversight and Licensing Division of the HKMA at (852) 2878 1470 or email to ivan\_yy\_lam@hkma.gov.hk (for Approved Money Brokers); or the Supervision of Markets Division of the Securities and Futures Commission at (852) 2231 1788 or email to otc\_enquiries@sfc.hk (for other entities). For questions about the service and operation of the HKTR, and the training and system tests, please contact the HKTR at 8100 3115 or email to hktr@hkma.gov.hk.

Thank you for your attention.

## Yours faithfully,

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