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A Consultation Paper on the Securities and Futures (Amendment of Schedule 8) Order

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Consultation

This consultation document invites public comments on the draft **Securities and Futures (Amendment of Schedule 8) Order** (“the draft Order”). The SFC intends to recommend to the Chief Executive in Council to make the draft Order under section 234 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (5 of 2002) (“the Ordinance”) when it commences.

Introduction

1. Under Part XI of the Ordinance the existing part-time Securities and Futures Appeals Panel will be replaced by an independent full-time appeals body, chaired by a judge called the Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal (“SFAT”).
2. The matters over which the SFAT will have jurisdiction (being decisions of the SFC, the HKMA and an investor compensation company (“ICC”)) are specified in Part 2 of Schedule 8 and are defined as "specified decisions".
3. Under section 234 of the Ordinance the Chief Executive in Council has power to amend Part 2 of Schedule 8 to add or delete specified decisions. Persons affected by any specified decisions can apply to the SFAT for a review of the decision. The SFC intends to recommend to the Chief Executive in Council to add decisions under certain sections of the subsidiary legislation to be made under the Ordinance to the list of “specified decisions”. Further details of these decisions are set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 below.
4. Section 232(2) of the Ordinance prescribes the time when specified decisions, other than those set out in Division 5 of Part 3 of Schedule 8, are to take effect. Under section 234, the Chief Executive in Council has power to amend Part 3 of Schedule 8. The SFC intends to recommend to the Chief Executive in Council to add to Division 5 of Part 3 of Schedule 8 two decisions of the Commission under the proposed Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules which will take effect earlier than the period specified in section 232(2)(a), (b) or (c). Further details are set out in paragraph 11 below.
5. Upon a review of the decision under appeal, the Tribunal may confirm, vary or set aside the decision or substitute any other decision which the Tribunal considers more appropriate or it may remit the matter to the SFC (or the HKMA or the ICC as the case may be) with directions to revisit the decision. Before making a decision, the SFAT must give the parties a reasonable opportunity of being heard and the civil standard of proof will apply in the determination of any questions or issues by the Tribunal.
6. An application for review of a specified decision must be made by the person against whom the decision is made within 21 days of notice of the decision. The SFAT has a power to extend the time for appeal if it is satisfied that there is good reason for granting an extension.

7. The SFAT has extensive powers to consider any material, require witnesses to attend and testify or produce evidence, administer oaths and affirmations, prohibit the disclosure of information about SFAT proceedings, to stay proceedings and make other ancillary orders. It is a criminal offence to disobey an SFAT order or to interfere with or disrupt SFAT proceedings. The SFAT has the same powers as the Court of First Instance to punish contempt of the Tribunal.

8. A party to a review has a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal ("CA") against a decision of the SFAT on a point of law. The CA may allow or dismiss the appeal or remit the matter to the SFAT with such directions as it considers appropriate. An appeal to the CA against an SFAT decision does not operate as a stay of execution of that decision unless the CA otherwise orders.

The draft Order

9. The draft Order would amend Division 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 8 to the Ordinance, by adding the following items such that the SFC decisions referred thereto would become appealable to the SFAT -

Item	Provision	Description of decision
73.	Section 6(2) of the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules	Objection to a listing of securities
74.	Section 6(3)(b) of the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules	Imposition of conditions to non-objection to a listing of securities
75.	Section 8(1) of the Securities and Futures (Disclosure of Interests - Securities Borrowing and Lending) Rules	Refusal to approve a corporation as an approved lending agent
76	Section 8(4) of the Securities and Futures (Disclosure of Interests - Securities Borrowing and Lending) Rules	Imposition of conditions on an approval of a corporation as an approved lending agent
77.	Section 8(6) of the Securities and Futures (Disclosure of Interests - Securities Borrowing and Lending) Rules	Withdrawal of an approval granted to an approved lending agent

10. The draft Order would amend Division 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 8 to the Ordinance, by adding the following items such that the SFC or ICC decisions referred thereto would become appealable to the SFAT -

Item	Provision	Description of decision
1.	Section 4(4) of the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation - Claims) Rules	Determination that a claim not lodged within the time provided in section 4(3) is barred.
2.	Section 7(1) of the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation - Claims) Rules	Determination of a default, the date of the default or the amount of loss sustained.
3.	Section 9(3) of the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation - Claims) Rules	Aggregation of separate claims or parts of those claims

11. The draft Order would amend Division 5 of Part 3 of Schedule 8 to the Ordinance, by adding the following items such that the SFC decisions referred thereto

may take immediate effect notwithstanding that a right to appeal to the SFAT is provided to the person affected by the decision -

Item	Description of specified decision	Provision
16.	A specified decision set out in item 73 of Division 1 of Part 2	Section 6(5) of the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules
17.	A specified decision set out in item 74 of Division 1 of Part 2	Section 6(5) of the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules

New Policy Initiatives

12. The various consultation papers issued in respect of the new investor compensation arrangements contemplated that a right of appeal to the SFAT would be provided to claimants who were dissatisfied with the quantum of an award of compensation. The decisions in respect of which an application might be made have been enlarged beyond simply the quantum of an award to cover related matters such as refusal to extend the time for lodging a claim with the SFC or the ICC. The consultation paper on the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules also contemplated that an application for a review by the SFAT could be made against decisions related to SFC's objection to listing or conditions imposed upon a non-objection. Item 75 of Division 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 8 to the Ordinance is added in response to a submission received in response to the consultation on the draft Securities and Futures (Disclosure of Interests - Securities Borrowing and Lending) Rules ("the SBL Rules"). Similarly, items 76 and 77 which also relate to the approval of approved lending agents under the SBL Rules are also added for consistency.

Other matters

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14. You may not wish your name to be published by the SFC. If this is the case, please state that you wish your name to be withheld from publication when you make your submission.

15. The public is invited to submit comments in writing before close of business on **19 August 2002**. Written comments may be sent -

By mail to: SFC (Amendment of Schedule 8 Order)
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By fax to: (852) 2868 0252

By on-line submission at: <http://www.hksfc.org.hk>

By e-mail to: Amendment_of_Schedule_8_Order@hksfc.org.hk

16. The draft Order should be read in conjunction with the Securities and Futures Ordinance itself.

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