

**Notice under Section 205 of the
Securities and Futures Ordinance
Cap. 571 (“the Ordinance”)**

It appears to the Securities and Futures Commission (“**the Commission**”), for the reasons set out in the Statement of Reasons of even date, that the Commission should exercise the powers conferred by section 205 of the Ordinance.

THE COMMISSION HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT:-

1. Except with the prior written consent of the Commission, such consent to be granted by any two Executive Directors of the Commission, pursuant to section 205(1) of the Ordinance, China Times Securities Limited (“**the Specified Corporation**”) is prohibited from:

(a) disposing of or dealing with any relevant property (as defined in section 205(2) of the Ordinance) in any manner; and

(b) assisting, counselling or procuring another person to dispose of or deal with any relevant property in any manner.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of section 217 of the Ordinance, an application may be made to the Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal for a review of the decision to impose the prohibitions imposed by this Notice. Such application must be made within twenty-one days after the day on which this Notice is served on the Specified Corporation. Further, pursuant to section 208 of the Ordinance, the Specified Corporation may apply to the Commission for the prohibitions imposed by this Notice to be withdrawn, substituted or varied.

This Notice takes effect at the time of service upon the Specified Corporation.

Dated this 9th day of February 2023

For and on behalf of
Securities and Futures Commission

Julia Leung
Chief Executive Officer

Statement of Reasons

Pursuant to Section 209(2) of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) ("the Ordinance")

1. China Times Securities Limited ("**the Specified Corporation**") is a corporation licensed under the Ordinance to carry on Type 1 regulated activity.
2. It appears to the Securities and Futures Commission ("**the Commission**") that:
 - (a) Property of the Specified Corporation's clients might be dissipated, transferred or otherwise dealt with in a manner prejudicial to the interest of any of its clients;
 - (b) The licence of the Specified Corporation may be revoked on the grounds set out in sections 195(1)(c) and (d) of the Ordinance; and
 - (c) The imposition of the prohibitions set out in the Notice issued by the Commission of even date under section 205 of the Ordinance ("**the Notice**") is desirable in the interest of the investing public or in the public interest.
3. The Commission has reached this view on the basis of the following matters:
 - (a) The Specified Corporation has ceased to operate its business in regulated activities since 25 September 2020;
 - (b) In September and October 2020, the Specified Corporation requested the Commission to revoke its licence pursuant to section 195(1)(d) of the Ordinance. However, as the Specified Corporation is still holding client assets (as defined in the Ordinance), its licence has not yet been revoked pending the appropriate handling of such client assets;
 - (c) The Specified Corporation has had no responsible officer (as defined in the Ordinance) since November 2020 to manage its affairs. Its sole director ("**Sole Director**") indicated that he would be out of Hong Kong until the end of 2022 and the Specified Corporation had no resources to file any necessary court application to handle the unclaimed client assets. The Sole Director has been uncontactable since 22 October 2022;
 - (d) The Commission has concerns regarding the safekeeping of the unclaimed client assets because:

- (i) The Specified Corporation does not have any responsible officer. The Sole Director, also being one of the shareholders of the sole member of the Specified Corporation (“**Parent Company**”), who is accountable for the safekeeping of the client assets, indicated that he would be out of Hong Kong until the end of 2022, and repeatedly represented that the Specified Corporation had no resources to file any necessary court application to handle the unclaimed client assets. The Sole Director has been uncontactable since 22 October 2022;
 - (ii) At least some of the unclaimed client assets are under the joint control of an individual who holds no official role in the Specified Corporation; and
 - (iii) It is not possible or appropriate for the other shareholders of the Parent Company to take over the management of the Specified Corporation owing to the death of one of them and concerns on the fitness and properness of the others; and
- (e) In the circumstances, the Commission considers it desirable in the interest of the clients of the Specified Corporation, and more particularly in the interest of preserving their assets, and in the wider interest of the investing public or in the public interest, that the Specified Corporation be subject to the prohibitions imposed by and contained in the Notice.

Dated this 9th day of February 2023

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Securities and Futures Commission

Julia Leung
Chief Executive Officer