

L.N. 142 of 2006**SECURITIES AND FUTURES (REDUCTION OF
LEVY) ORDER 2006**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 394 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571))

1. Commencement

This Order shall come into operation on 1 December 2006.

2. Securities

Section 4 of the Securities and Futures (Levy) Order (Cap. 571 sub. leg. Z) is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (b)(i), by repealing “0.005%” and substituting “0.004%”;
- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii), by repealing “0.005%” and substituting “0.004%”.

3. Pilot programme securities

Section 6 is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (b)(i)(A), by repealing “0.005%” and substituting “0.004%”;
- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii)(A), by repealing “0.005%” and substituting “0.004%”.

4. Exchange traded funds

Section 7 is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (b)(i)(A), by repealing “0.005%” and substituting “0.004%”;
- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii)(A), by repealing “0.005%” and substituting “0.004%”.

5. Futures contracts

Section 9 is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (b)(i), by repealing “\$1.00” and substituting “\$0.80”;
- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii), by repealing “\$1.00” and substituting “\$0.80”.

6. Mini-Hang Seng Index Futures Contracts and Mini-Hang Seng Index Options Contracts

Section 10 is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (b)(i), by repealing “\$0.20” and substituting “\$0.16”;
- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii), by repealing “\$0.20” and substituting “\$0.16”.

7. Stock futures contracts

Section 13 is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (b)(i), by repealing “\$0.20” and substituting “\$0.16”;
- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii), by repealing “\$0.20” and substituting “\$0.16”.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER
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Explanatory Note

This Order amends the Securities and Futures (Levy) Order (Cap. 571 sub. leg. Z) to reduce the levy payable by a seller or a purchaser in respect of any of the following transactions—

- (a) the sale and purchase of securities;
- (b) the sale and purchase of pilot programme securities;
- (c) the sale and purchase of an exchange traded fund;
- (d) the sale and purchase of a futures contract;
- (e) the sale and purchase of a Mini-Hang Seng Index Futures Contract or a Mini-Hang Seng Index Options Contract;
- (f) the sale and purchase of a stock futures contract or an option on such a contract.