

Definitions and Interpretation

Unless the context otherwise requires, terms defined in Schedule 1 to the Securities and Futures Ordinance or Code of Conduct for Persons Licensed by or Registered with the Securities and Futures Commission bear the same meaning when used in the questions and answers below, and the following terms bear the following meanings:

- **“BCAN”** refers to a “Broker-to-Client Assigned Number”, being a unique identification code in the format prescribed by SEHK, generated by a Relevant Regulated Intermediary in accordance with SEHK’s requirements;
- **“BCAN-CID Mapping File”** refers to the data file containing the BCAN and CID of all clients of a Relevant Regulated Intermediary in the format prescribed by SEHK from time to time;
- **“CE number”** refers to the central entity number assigned by the SFC to licensed corporations and registered institutions;
- **“CID”** refers to the client identification data as described in paragraph 5.6(n) of the Code of Conduct;
- **“Code of Conduct”** refers to the Code of Conduct for Persons Licensed by or Registered with the Securities and Futures Commission;
- **“Consultation Conclusions”** refers to the Consultation Conclusions on proposals to (1) implement an investor identification regime at trading level for the securities market in Hong Kong and (2) introduce an over-the-counter securities transactions reporting regime for shares listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong published by the SFC in August 2021;
- **“Consultation Paper”** refers to the Consultation on proposals to (1) implement an investor identification regime at trading level for the securities market in Hong Kong and (2) introduce an over-the-counter securities transactions reporting regime for shares listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong published by the SFC in December 2020;
- **“EP”** refers to an Exchange Participant;
- **“HKEX Information Paper”** refers to the Information Paper – Investor Identification Regime at Trading Level for the Securities Market in Hong Kong published by the HKEX in August 2021 (or as updated from time to time);
- **“HKIDR”** refers to the investor identification regime at trading level for the securities market in Hong Kong;

- **“NB Investor ID Regime”** refers to the northbound investor identification regime for northbound trading under Stock Connect;
 - **“OTC Securities Transaction”** refers to a transaction involving the ordinary shares of a company, or units of a REIT, listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited which is not conducted by an on-exchange order or reportable as an off-exchange trade within the scope of paragraph 5.6 of the Code of Conduct in respect of which stamp duty is chargeable in Hong Kong and the transaction is not granted stamp duty relief (whether in full or in part) from the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong;
 - **“OTCR”** refers to the over-the-counter securities transactions reporting regime for shares listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong;
 - **“Relevant Client”** refers to a party which has placed or proposes to place a securities order through a securities trading account with a Relevant Regulated Intermediary. Where the order is a proprietary trade, the Relevant Client would refer to a Relevant Regulated Intermediary placing the order for itself. Where an order is routed through an intermediating chain of brokers, a Relevant Client would be the first person in the chain who is not a Relevant Regulated Intermediary;
 - **“Relevant Regulated Intermediary” or “RRI”**, under the HKIDR, refers to a licensed corporation (“**LC**”) or a registered institution (“**RI**”) which (i) submits (or arranges to submit) for execution an on-exchange order; (ii) carries out an off-exchange order; or (iii) reports an off-exchange trade directly as an exchange participant to SEHK according to its rules, in connection with: (i) carrying out proprietary trading; or (ii) providing securities brokerage services for another person in respect of orders placed through an account opened and maintained for that person;
 - **“Relevant Regulated Intermediary” or “RRI”**, under the OTCR, refers to a LC or a RI which (i) carries out proprietary trading; or (ii) provides securities brokerage services for another person in respect of orders placed through an account opened and maintained for that person;
 - **“SEHK”** refers to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and
 - **“SFC”** refers to the Securities and Futures Commission.
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