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### **Important Notes**

This document should be read together with the Securities and Futures (Short Position Reporting) Rules (**Rules**)<sup>1</sup>, the Notes to the Reportable Short Position Form (**Notes**), Guidance Note on Short Position Reporting and the Short Position Reporting Frequently Asked Questions (**FAQs**), all of which can be found on the website of the Securities and Futures Commission (**SFC**)<sup>2</sup>. Unless otherwise specified, the words and phrases used herein have the meanings given by the Rules, as appropriate.

With effect on 15 March 2017, reporting will be required for reportable short positions in all Designated Securities eligible for short selling specified by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (**SEHK**). The list of Designated Securities eligible for short selling is published on the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited's <u>website</u><sup>3</sup>. Starting from 15 March 2017, the SFC will cease publishing the List of Specified Shares on its website.

### **Revision History**

Release date	Major Amendments
27 April 2012	First release
12 June 2012	Stock Borrow and Lending Agreement added to the
	Identification Document Type (p.7)
	"Register multiple entities" function available (p.12)
	Tooltips on the Reportable Short Position Form (p.15)
	Submission acknowledgement email added (p.17)
21 August 2012	Changes corresponding to the revamped SFC web site
10 January 2017	Changes corresponding to the expanded scope of short
	position reporting to all Designated Securities (p.24)
7 November 2017	Changes corresponding to the revamped HKEX web site

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To view the Rules, please click <a href="https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/">https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/</a> and key in "571AJ" in the "Quick Search" box and press "Go To"

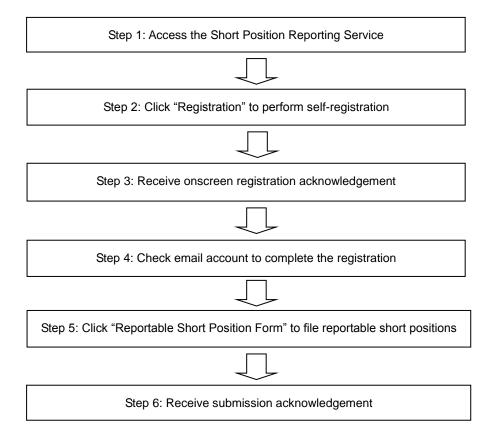
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.sfc.hk/web/EN/regulatory-functions/market-infrastructure-and-trading/short-position-reporting/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> More details can be found on p.24.



### 1. Overview of short position reporting process

Prior to first time reporting, a person who has the duty to notify his reportable short position under the Rules must register with the Short Position Reporting (SPR) Service. You are required to register **once only**. Once you have completed the self-registration and activation (Steps 2-4), you may go straight to submit the Reportable Short Position Form thereafter. (Steps 5-6)



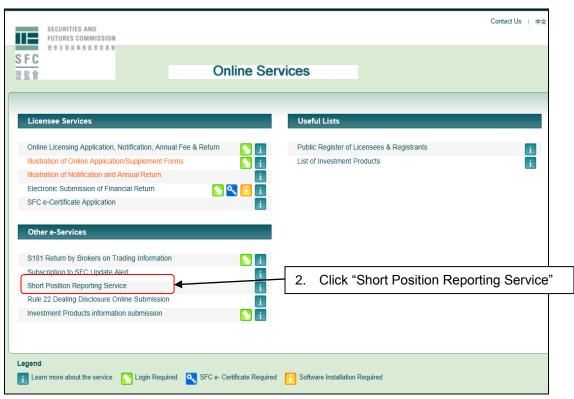


### 2. Short position reporting process

#### **Step 1: Accessing the SPR Service**

The SPR Service is available on the SFC Online Portal which can be accessed through SFC's website at www.sfc.hk.

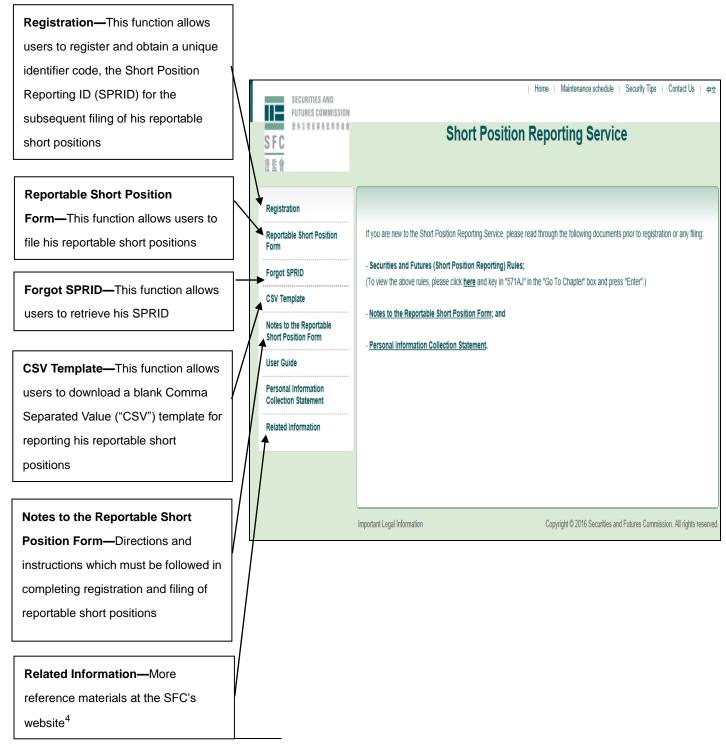






#### Homepage

The homepage gives you fundamental information about the SPR Service. You are advised to read through the documents specified on the homepage prior to registration or any filing of reportable short position.



http://www.sfc.hk/web/EN/regulatory-functions/market-infrastructure-and-trading/short-position-reporting/



#### Step 2: Registration

A person who has the duty to file his reportable short position must register under "Registration for Lodging Reportable Short Position Form". If such person appoints an agent to file the Reportable Short Position Form on his behalf, both the person and his agent must register separately and obtain their respective SPRIDs.

As specified in the Rules, when the reportable short positions are held by a trust, it will be the trustee's responsibility to report the short positions. In such case, both the trust and the trustee (or its agent) needs to register separately to get their respective SPRIDs.

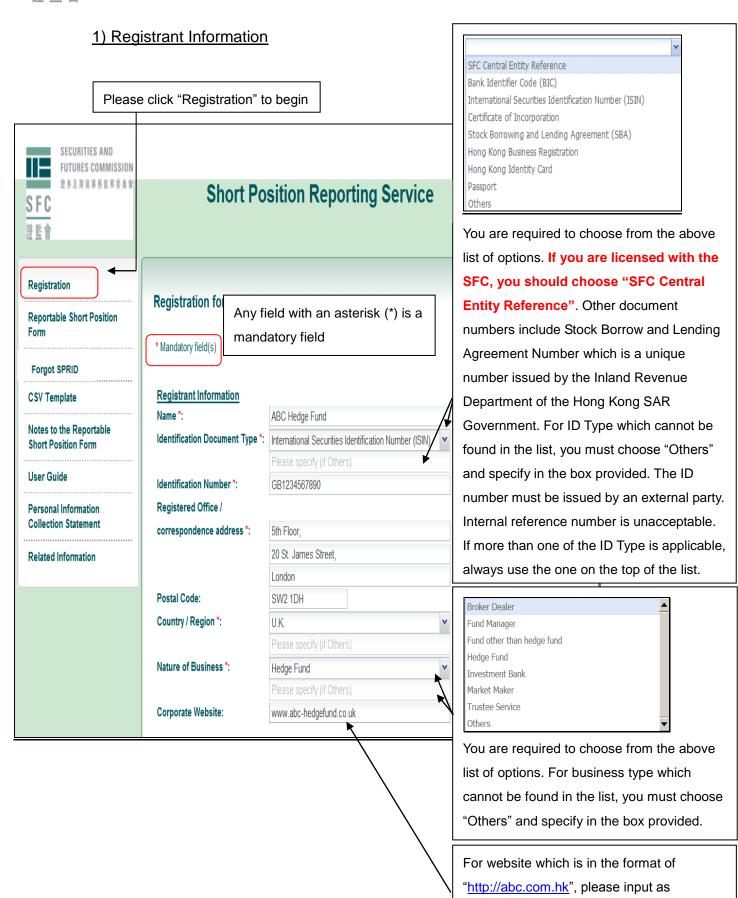
Similarly, in the case of reportable short positions held by a partnership, both the authorized person who submits the reportable short positions and the partnership itself has to register separately and obtain their respective SPRIDs.

Upon successful registration, a unique identifier code known as SPRID, for example: G3VA8F69MT, will be assigned to the registrant.

There are three parts under "Registration for Lodging Reportable Short Position Form"—

- Registrant Information;
- Contact Information; and
- Additional Information.





"abc.com.hk".

No prefix of http:// is required.



#### 2) Contact Information

You must provide the contact information of at least one person who is able to answer queries from the SFC in relation to the registration and future filings of reportable short positions in respect of the registrant. You may provide a group email address as the contact email. This should help to avoid unnecessary re-registration and missing relevant emails from the SFC, including the acknowledgement email, due to the absence of a particular person.

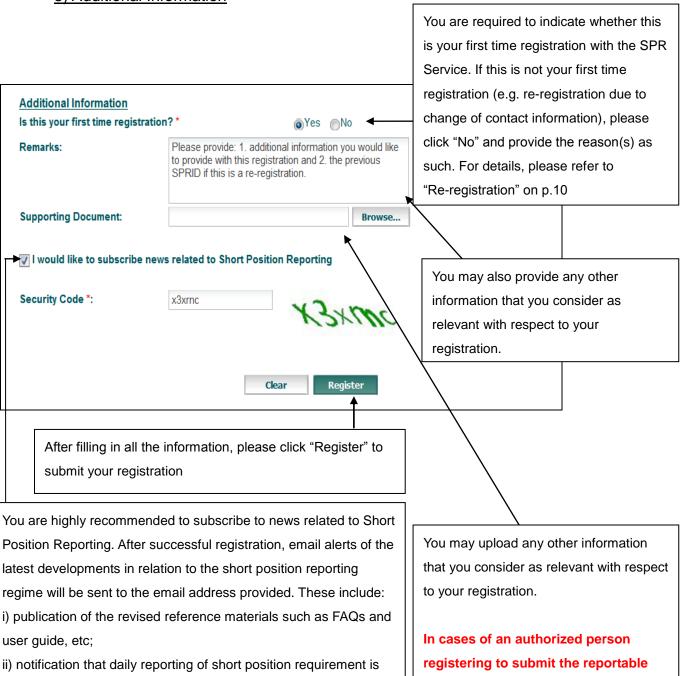


An email will be sent to the primary contact person after

You should provide the area and the country codes, if applicable.



### 3) Additional Information



Alternatively, you may also subscribe to our email alert service with other email address(es) through SFC website for "Short Position Reporting-Related Matters" at

notification relating to the cessation of daily reporting requirement,

invoked in a contingency situation and the corresponding

etc.

https://www.sfc.hk/CampaignHelper/campaignForm.jsp?lang=EN

In cases of an authorized person registering to submit the reportable short positions on behalf of all partners, the particulars of all partners in the partnership must be uploaded here in the form of an Excel, Word or PDF file. Please refer to the Notes to the Reportable Short Position Form paragraph 7 for the prescribed format of the particulars.



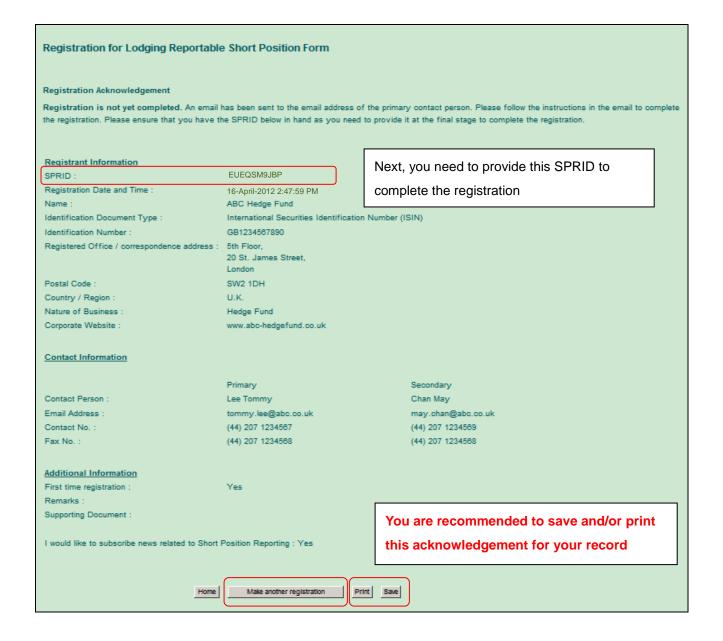
### **Re-registration**

If there is any change to the information provided at registration such as the change of registered office or contact information, the registrant needs to re-register to obtain a new SPRID for subsequent reporting. You should provide the reason(s) for re-registration and your previous SPRID under the "Remarks" box.



#### Step 3: Registration acknowledgement

Immediately after successful registration, a registration acknowledgement will be provided on the screen. A SPRID will be assigned to you. You need to provide your SPRID to complete the final stage of registration. You are recommended to save and/or print the acknowledgement for your record.





### Register multiple entities

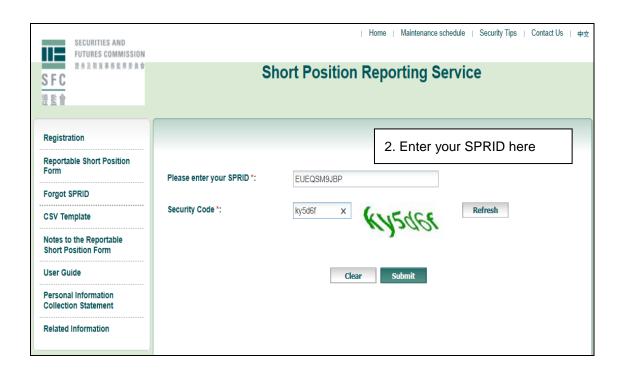
To facilitate registrations of multiple entities, a button "Make another registration" is available on the Registration Acknowledgement screen that you will see after each registration. This button will enable you to retain part of the mandatory information such as the correspondence address, contact information, etc from the previous registration such that you do not need to re-enter them again for immediate subsequent registration(s).



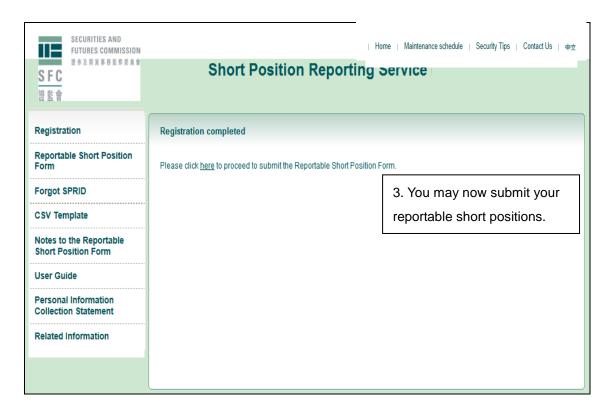
#### Step 4: Registration activation—email

Upon successful registration, an email will be sent to the email address of the primary contact person. You are advised to complete the activation within 5 calendar days after registration, otherwise the registration will be invalidated and the SPRID cannot be used for reporting. Re-registration will then be required.









#### **SPRID** expiry

An activated SPRID will be expired and cannot be used for reporting if it has not been used for submission for a long period of time, currently set as one year. Re-registration will be required prior to any submission.



#### **Step 5: To complete the Reportable Short Position Form**

Please refer to the **Notes to the Reportable Short Position Form** for directions on how to complete this Reportable Short Position Form.

To file your reportable short positions, please click "Reportable Short Position Form" to begin. For agent reporting, | Home | Maintenance schedule | Security Tips | Contact Us SECURITIES A the information filled in  $\square \vdash$ FUTURES COMM 世界及期貨事務監 **Short Position Reporting Service** SFC here represents that of 證監會 the agent. The SPRID Registration and the name shall be Reportable Short Position Form Reportable Short Position Form different from that in This is the Form required to be submitted to the Securities and Futures Commission pursuant to Rule 4(2) or 4(4) of the Securities Forgot SPRID and Futures (Short Position Reporting) Rules (L.N. 48 of 2012). This Form must be completed in accordance with the directions and instructions in the accompanying Notes to the Form. the Reportable short **CSV Template** Notes to the Reportable Short Position Form \* Mandatory field(s) position particulars (or **Registrant Information CSV** template) **User Guide** മ SPRID of person filing the Form \*: 2 Personal Information Name of person filing the Form \*: mentioned below. Use contact information provided at registration Related Information Secondary contact: Contact Person: Contact Person: For reporting of short positions held by a First / Other Name First / Other Name Email Address: Email Address: partnership, the Fax No.: information filled in Date of reporting 2016/11/04 Late submission here shall belong to the Submission Remarks: Please provide details in case of late submission or resubmission person authorized by Reportable short position particulars \*: all partners to report Security Code \*: Refresh whereas the SPRID in CSV template shall be Clear the partnership itself.

The CSV template shall contain SPRID(s) of the person(s) who have the reportable short positions. They can be different from the "person filing the Form" mentioned above.

Please refer to the **Appendix** for the detail specification of the CSV template.

Tooltips with more explanations are available next to the major mandatory fields for ease of completing the Form.



#### Step 6: Submission acknowledgement

Immediately after a short position report has been successfully submitted, an acknowledgement receipt with a submission reference will be provided on the screen. You are recommended to save and/or print the acknowledgement receipt for your record. You may also "Submit Another Form" or go back to Home page.

#### On-screen submission acknowledgement





Besides the on-screen submission acknowledgement after each successful submission, a submission acknowledgement email will be sent to the primary contact person provided at registration and, if applicable, to the primary contact person provided in the Form after each submission. Owing to security concern, only minimum amount of information will be provided in the submission acknowledgement email.

#### Submission acknowledgement email

Subject: Short Position Reporting Service - Submission Acknowledgement

Besides the on-screen submission acknowledgement, this email serves as an additional acknowledgement receipt of your submission of Reportable Short Position Form with the following details:

Submission Reference: SFC12107PT238L

Submitted by (SPRID): EUEQSM9JBP

Reporting Day: 13-April-2012

Submission Date and Time: 16-April-2012 4:06 PM

Yours faithfully,

Supervision of Markets SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION

#### Amendment to submissions

Partial amendment or withdrawal on the reportable short position particulars is not supported. You can only re-submit the whole Reportable Short Position Form to supersede the previous submission. Appropriate remarks including the reason(s) for re-submission and the previous submission reference number (for example, **SFC12107PT238L**) specified in the previous submission acknowledgement must be provided.

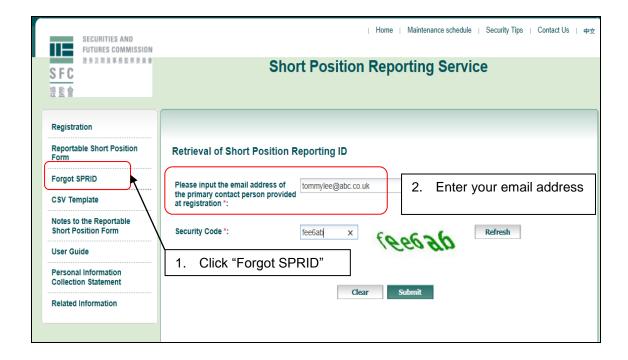
Re-submission must be done before the reporting deadline, otherwise, it may be treated as a late submission.



#### 3. Other functions

### **Forgot SPRID**

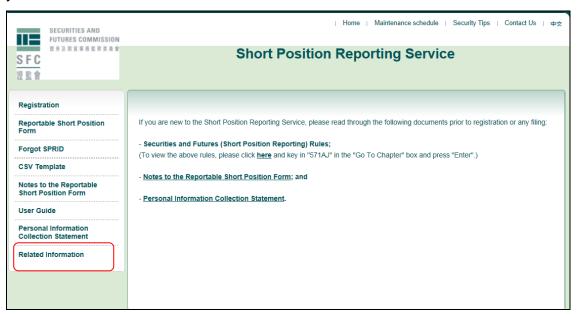
If you have forgotten your SPRID, you may retrieve it by clicking "Forgot SPRID". You will need to input the email address of the primary contact person provided at registration and your SPRID will be sent to that email account.



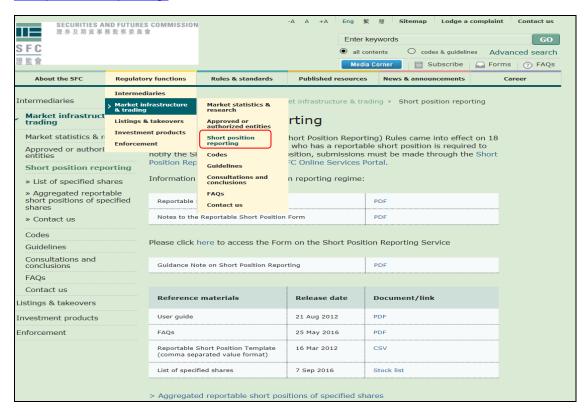


#### Related information

Please click the box for more information relating to the short position reporting regime, which will bring you to the Short Position Reporting web corner where you can find other reference materials.



Alternatively, you may visit our Short Position Reporting web corner at <a href="http://www.sfc.hk/web/EN/regulatory-functions/market-infrastructure-and-trading/short-position-reporting/">http://www.sfc.hk/web/EN/regulatory-functions/market-infrastructure-and-trading/short-position-reporting/</a>





### 4. Arrangement for system breakdown

Please refer to Frequently Asked Questions E-2.

### 5. Specification of internet browser for electronic submission

To use the SPR Service, Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 is recommended. Cookies and JavaScript must be enabled on the browser. If you experience any issues in using the SPR Service with other browsers, please download Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 from Microsoft. More details are available from the official website of Microsoft.

### 6. Security tips

It is available for download from the SPR Service.





#### 7. Contact us

To report any problem encountered when using the SPR Service, please provide the following information if available:

- •Date and time of encountering the problem;
- SPRID(s) involved;
- System messages or screen-dumps;
- •Actions leading to the problem, etc.

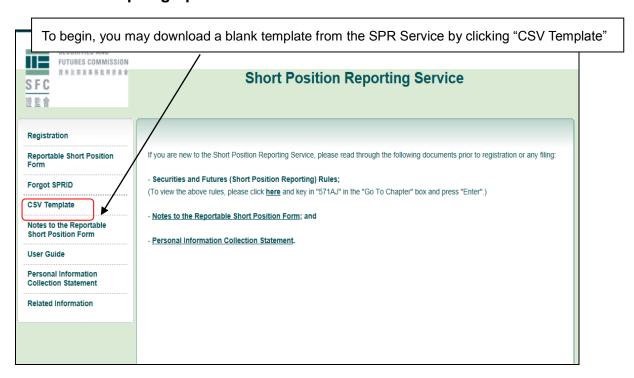




# Appendix: File format and technical specification of the CSV template

#### **Description**

This is the data file specification of the CSV template (Reportable short position particulars) to be uploaded using SPR Service. The format of the data file must strictly follow the specification in the **Notes to the Reportable Short Position Form paragraphs 15 and 16.** 



Here is a blank CSV template:





#### File format

Comma Separated Value (CSV) file with fixed numbers of fields on each row.

#### Detailed format of the data file

The file must contain 6 fields per row and the first row of the file must be field headers described as below. Each field must be separated by a comma. A blank template with prescribed field header can be downloaded from SPR Service. For example, the data in CSV format should look like:

The first row is the column header.

The second to fourth rows are short position details

Short Position Reporting ID,Name,Stock code of the specified shares,Stock name of the specified shares,Reportable Short Position (No. of shares),Net short position value

G3VA8F69MT,ABC Ltd,5,HSBC HOLDINGS,1000000,65250000 G3VA8F69MT,ABC Ltd,1,CKH HOLDINGS,2000004,208200416.4 EUEQSM9JBP, ABC Hedge Fund,941,CHINA MOBILE,1000005,75850379.25

Please note that a CSV template may contain multiple SPRIDs in cases of agent reporting.

#### File size limit

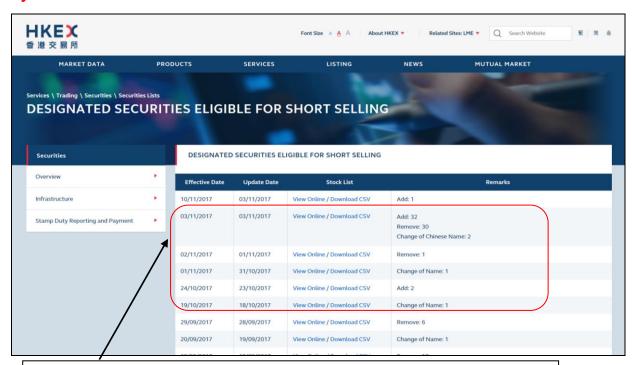
The maximum number of rows (excluding the field headers) that a CSV template should contain is 5000. If the template contains more than 5000 rows (excluding the field headers) or exceeds 5MB in size, you must split it into multiple templates and submit them separately. For each short position submission, only 1 template can be uploaded.



#### List of specified shares

With effect on 15 March 2017, reporting will be required for reportable short positions in all Designated Securities eligible for short selling specified by The SEHK. The list of Designated Securities is available on the HKEX's website (<a href="http://www.hkex.com.hk/services/trading/securities/securities-lists/designated-securities-eligible-for-short-selling?sc\_lang=en">http://www.hkex.com.hk/services/trading/securities/securities-lists/designated-securities-eligible-for-short-selling?sc\_lang=en</a>). It can be viewed online or downloaded in CSV format. The CSV file contains the stock code, stock short name, currency and the security type of a security (i.e. collective investment schemes or shares<sup>5</sup>) which may have a different reporting threshold.

You are highly recommended to download the list of Designated Securities (List) and use the exact stock code and stock name in the List to prepare the template for submission. CSV template must contain only short positions in the Designated Securities. CSV template which contains short positions on shares which are not Designated Securities will be rejected by the SPR Service.



Example (1): if the "Date of reporting day" under the Form is chosen to be 20 October 2017, you should use the List with the Effective Date which is 19 October 2017. Example (2): if the "Date of reporting day" under the Form is chosen to be 3 November 2017, you should use the List with Effective Date which is 3 November 2017.

Ollective investment schemes and shares are referred to as "TRST" and "EQTY" in the CSV file respectively.