

Appendix III

Current licensing condition:

“The licensee shall at all times be in compliance with the requirements of the Guidelines for Virtual Asset Trading Platform Operators issued by the Commission.”

Amended licensing condition:

“The licensee shall at all times be in compliance with the requirements of the Guidelines for Virtual Asset Trading Platform Operators (“Guidelines”) issued by the Commission, save that under 10.1 of the Guidelines which requires the licensee should only hold client assets on trust for its clients through its Associated Entity, the licensee may maintain trust account(s) or client account(s) in the licensee’s name with the custodian(s) of the [investment products with exposure to digital assets][and/or][tokenised securities] in the course of its distribution services subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations].

[The term “Associated Entity” is as defined in the Guidelines.]”

[The term “digital assets” includes virtual assets; tokenised securities (which are a subset of digital securities), and stablecoins.

The term “virtual asset” is as defined in the Guidelines.

The term “tokenised securities” means traditional financial instruments that are “securities” as defined in section 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the SFO which utilise distributed ledger technology or similar technology in their security lifecycle.

The term “digital securities” is as defined in the Circular on intermediaries engaging in tokenised securities-related activities published on 2 November 2023, as amended from time to time.

The term “Stablecoin” is as defined in section 3 of the Stablecoins Ordinance (Cap. 656).]