

# Consultation Paper on Proposed Amendments to Specified Stock and Futures Exchanges

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### Foreword

The Securities and Futures Commission (**SFC**) invites the public to submit written comments on the proposals discussed in, and draft provisions attached to, this consultation paper or to comment on related matters that might have a significant impact upon the proposals **no later than 21 April 2011**.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposals should provide details of any organization whose views they represent.

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Additional copies of this consultation paper may be obtained from the above address of the SFC. A copy of this paper can also be found on the SFC's website at <u>http://www.sfc.hk</u>.

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A copy of the Privacy Policy Statement adopted by the SFC is available upon request.



## Consultation Paper on Proposed Amendments to Specified Stock and Futures Exchanges

### Introduction

1. Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 1 to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (**SFO**) comprise lists (**the lists**) of the local and overseas futures and stock exchanges which are, respectively, specified futures exchanges and specified stock exchanges. The SFC invites comments on the proposals described below to amend the lists.

### Background

- 2. In the period since enactment of the SFO in 2002, many exchanges included in the lists have changed their names or otherwise been affected by corporate reorganizations. The lists are therefore inaccurate and should be revised to reflect the current names of affected exchanges.
- The lists are used for a variety of purposes. In connection with the SFO and subsidiary legislation made under the SFO, one or both lists are referred to in provisions relating to licensing, recognized counterparty status, disclosure of interests and price stabilizing. The list of specified stock exchanges is referred to in the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (Cap. 556) and Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 426). Both lists are referred to in the Trustee Ordinance (Cap. 29), Gambling Ordinance (Cap. 148) and Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112).
- 4. In connection with the Inland Revenue Ordinance, the Commission has been made aware that adding certain exchanges to the lists would facilitate the development of Hong Kong as an international finance centre in general and an asset management centre in particular, by expanding the scope of tax exemptions available to offshore funds engaged in futures trading. The relevant exchanges are as follows:
  - Brazil BM&FBOVESPA S. A. Bolsa De Valores, Mercadorias e Futuros;
  - India Bombay Stock Exchange Limited, National Stock Exchange of India Limited, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited and National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited; and
  - PRC China Financial Futures Exchange, Dalian Commodity Exchange, Shanghai Futures Exchange and Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange.

Subject to this consultation, the Commission intends to add these exchanges to the lists.

### Proposals

5. The Commission proposes to amend the lists by adding these nine exchanges and updating the names of exchanges currently included in the lists. An indicative draft of the proposed amendments is set out in Appendix A.



### Appendix A

### Indicative draft of proposed amendments to Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 1 to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571)

### PART 2 - SPECIFIED FUTURES EXCHANGES

Australian Stock Exchange ASX Limited BM&FBOVESPA S.A. - Bolsa De Valores, Mercadorias e Futuros Bourse de Montreal Inc. Montréal Exchange Inc. Chicago Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc. China Financial Futures Exchange Commodity Exchange, Inc. (New York) **Dalian Commodity Exchange** Eurex Eurex Frankfurt AG Eurex Zürich AG Euronext Amsterdam N.V. Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited Korea Stock Exchange, Inc. London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange LIFFE Administration and Management The London Metal Exchange Limited Euronext Paris S. A. (Marche a Terme International de France) Euronext Paris S. A. (Marche des Options Negociables de Paris) Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited New York Cotton Exchange, Inc. ICE Futures US, Inc. **New York Futures Exchange** New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. New Zealand Futures and Options Exchange Limited Osaka Securities Exchange Co., Ltd Pacific Exchange NYSE Arca, Inc Philadelphia Stock Exchange NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Shanghai Futures Exchange Singapore Exchange Derivatives Trading Limited Stockholmsborsen NASDAQ OMX Stockholm AB Sydney Futures Exchange, Ltd. Australian Securities Exchange Limited Tokyo Grain Exchange Inc. Tokyo International Financial Futures Exchange Inc. Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. Winnipeg Commodities Exchange Inc. ICE Futures Canada, Inc. Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange



### PART 3 - SPECIFIED STOCK EXCHANGES

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