Completion Instructions

Return of Capital Adequacy Ratio Forms MA(BS)3(I) to 3(V)

Introduction

- 1. This return collects information on the capital adequacy position of authorized institutions incorporated in Hong Kong.
- 2. The return comprises 5 Parts, with Part III further divided into 4 sections for reporting institutions to report the risk-weighted amounts of their credit exposures under different approaches.

<u>Part</u>			<u>Form</u>
I	Summary certificate on capital adequacy ratio		MA(BS)3(I)
II	Capital base		MA(BS)3(II)
Ш	a b c d	Risk-weighted amount for credit risk – basic approach Risk-weighted amount for credit risk – standardized (credit risk) approach Risk-weighted amount for credit risk – internal ratings-based approach Risk-weighted amount for credit risk – securitization exposures	MA(BS)3(IIIa) MA(BS)3(IIIb) MA(BS)3(IIIc) MA(BS)3(IIId)
IV	Ris	Risk-weighted amount for market risk MA(BS)3(IV)	
V	Ris	Risk-weighted amount for operational risk MA(BS)3(V)	

General Instructions

Layout and application

- 3. Instructions provided under this section apply to all forms contained in this Return. Specific instructions relating to individual forms are separately provided. Reporting institutions should complete the forms that are relevant to them in accordance with these instructions, having regard to the Banking (Capital) Rules, as well as other relevant supervisory policy/guidance on the revised capital adequacy framework issued by the HKMA.
- 4. Parts I, II and V are applicable to all reporting institutions. Part IV on Market Risk is applicable only to reporting institutions which are not exempted under the *de minimis criteria* as set out in section 22 of the Rules. For Part III on Credit Risk, reporting institutions are required to submit form(s) for the approach(es) being used by them to risk-weight credit exposures. For instance, a reporting institution which uses only the standardized (credit risk) approach for risk-weighting credit exposures and has no exposures arising from asset securitization is only required to submit Form

MA(BS)3(IIIb) for Part III. On the other hand, a reporting institution which is using more than one approach for risk-weighting credit exposures (e.g. those approved to transition to IRB approach) and has exposures arising from asset securitization is required to report the relevant exposures among all applicable forms.

Combined / consolidated return

- 5. Where applicable, the forms should be completed both on a solo (or solo-consolidated) basis (i.e. the Combined Return) and on a consolidated basis (i.e. the Consolidated Return). Reporting institutions should make reference to the respective provisions of the Rules when reporting their solo, solo-consolidated or consolidated position (i.e. sections 29, 30 and 31 respectively).
- 6. A reporting institution should include positions in the return as follows:

Solo basis	All positions of the institution and its local and overseas branches / offices.
Solo-consolidated basis	All positions of the institution, its local and overseas branches / offices and its solo-consolidated subsidiaries as defined in section 4 of the Rules.
Consolidated basis	All positions of the institution's consolidation group (including local and overseas branches) as defined in section 4 of Rules.

Reporting institutions should obtain the necessary approvals from the Monetary Authority (MA) and follow the requirements that are relevant to their choice of calculation approaches as set out in Part 2 of the Rules.

Instructions applicable to consolidated basis

- 7. If every member of a reporting institution's consolidated group uses the same approach in calculating the risk-weighted amount for a particular risk (i.e. credit, market or operational risk), the consolidated group should be treated as one single entity. The credit risk, market risk or operational risk positions of individual members should be aggregated and the consolidated risk-weighted amount for each risk should be calculated according to the approach selected for such risk.
- 8. With the prior consent of the MA, members of a reporting institution's consolidated group may use different approaches in calculating the risk-weighted amount for a particular risk (i.e. credit, market or operational risk). Where different approaches are used, the consolidated risk-weighted amount for credit, market and operational risks should be calculated by aggregating the risk-weighted amounts for each of the members calculated separately according to the approaches they have selected.
- 9. Any inter-company balances, transactions, income and expenses, as the case may be, among members of the consolidation group shall be eliminated in the calculation.

10. With the prior consent of the MA, a reporting institution may be allowed to calculate the capital charge for exposures of its one or more than one subsidiary incorporated in overseas countries in accordance with the capital adequacy standards adopted by the host supervisors of these subsidiaries.

Submission dates

- 11. The return should show the position as at the last calendar day of each quarter and should be submitted as follows:
 - (a) Combined return within 1 month after the end of each quarter in the case of reporting institutions without overseas branches, or within 6 weeks in all other cases; and
 - (b) Consolidated return within 6 weeks after the end of each quarter unless otherwise advised by the HKMA; and
 - (c) If the submission deadline falls on a public holiday, it will be deferred to the next working day.

Definitions

12. Unless otherwise specified, terminology used in this return follows that of the Rules. For ease of reference, most of the main terms are printed in *bold italics* on their first appearance in these instructions. Reporting institutions should refer to the Rules for definitions of these terms.

Others

- 13. Amounts should be shown to the nearest thousand, in HK\$ or HK\$ equivalents in the case of foreign currency items. The closing middle market T/T rates prevailing at the reporting date should be used for conversion purposes.
- 14. Securities transactions are to be reported on trade date basis.

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