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By email and by hand

Dear Eva,

Consultation on Basel III Implementation – Leverage Ratio

Thank you for your letter of 22 April providing us with the Association's comments on the revised Leverage Ratio reporting package for locally incorporated authorised institutions (AIs).

We note that the comments mostly seek clarification on our policy stance in relation to certain specific technical areas. While we are aware that some of the comments (items 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12 of the enclosed table) are similar to points recently raised with the Basel Committee by a number of banking and financial markets industry associations, we are minded, for the time being, to adhere closely to the text of the Basel III Leverage Ratio Framework. We will however keep developments at the Basel Committee in view and make any adjustments to the reporting package that may be necessitated by any future clarifications issued by the Basel Committee.

The enclosed table sets out our response to the Association's comments. A minor adjustment has also been made to paragraph 10.1(d) of the Leverage Ratio Framework (i.e. Annex 1 of the completion instructions) as a result of the Association's comments. The revised reporting package can be accessed through the HKMA's public (<http://www.hkma.gov.hk>) and private (<http://www.stet.iclnet.hk/index.htm>) websites.

It is our intention that the first submission of the completed templates should cover the positions of both end-December 2013 and end-March 2014. To allow more time for AIs to compile the data for completing the templates for the first submission, AIs may submit the completed templates by no later than 7 July 2014, approximately 8 weeks from the date of this letter.

Initially, AIs will be required to submit the template in the form of an Excel worksheet to a designated email account of the HKMA. In due course submission will be via STET (potentially starting from the position of end-June 2014) once the system is available. Accordingly, AIs should make the first submission of their leverage ratio templates in the form of an Excel worksheet (a softcopy of which is provided in the revised package) to the HKMA through email at leverage.ratio@hkma.gov.hk and send a signed hard copy of the submission to their usual supervisory contact at the HKMA. We will be writing again to notify AIs of the detailed STET submission arrangements in due course.

Should you have any further queries concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Theresa Kwan at 2878-1093 or Mr Raymond Tsui at 2878-1623.

Yours sincerely,

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