



HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
香港金融管理局

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The Chief Executive
All Authorized Institutions

Dear Sir/Madam,

Complaints Against Debt Collection Agents Employed by Authorized Institutions

I write to inform you of the results of the industry survey on complaints against debt collection agents (DCAs) employed by authorized institutions (AIs) for the second half of 2019.

During the reporting period, 27 AIs used the services of DCAs and assigned 429,503 accounts to 20 DCAs. A total of 13 complaints against 6 DCAs were received by 6 AIs (compared with 19 complaints against 7 DCAs received by 7 AIs in H1 2019). The incidence of complaints per 1,000 accounts assigned has decreased from an average of 0.05 in H1 2019 to 0.03. Three complaints were lodged by unrelated third parties, compared with one in H1 2019. Please see Annex for details.

No instance of a breach of the Code of Banking Practice was reported in H2 2019.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Au
Executive Director (Banking Conduct)

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c.c. The Chairman, Hong Kong Association of Banks
The Chairperson, The DTC Association
Secretary, Code of Banking Practice Committee
(Attn: Ms Celia Shing – HKAB)
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Attn: Mr Timothy Chau)

Annex

Survey on DCA complaints received by AIs – H2/2019

Table 1: Number of AIs using DCA service

	H2/2019	H1/2019	H2/2018	H1/2018	H2/2017
AIs receiving DCA complaints	6	7	7	8	7
AIs receiving no DCA complaints	21	19	21	20	21
Total	27	26	28	28	28

Table 2: Number of DCAs employed by AIs

	H2/2019	H1/2019	H2/2018	H1/2018	H2/2017
1 – 5	24	22	24	25	24
6 – 10	3	4	4	3	3
11 – 15	0	0	0	0	1
Total	27	26	28	28	28

Table 3: Incidence of DCA complaints

	H2/2019	H1/2019	H2/2018	H1/2018	H2/2017
DCA complaints received (A)	13	19	16	17	14
Accounts assigned (B)	429,503	386,010	387,451	385,345	390,625
Incidence of complaints per 1,000 accounts (C) = (A) / (B) x 1,000	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04

Table 4: Status of complainants

	H2/2019	H1/2019	H2/2018	H1/2018	H2/2017
Debtors	9	18	10	10	8
Family members/friends	1	0	2	3	2
Referees	0	0	0	0	0
Unrelated third parties	3	1	4	4	4
Total	13	19	16	17	14