Complaints statistics concerning Lehman-related investment products (Up to 04 Jun 2009)

	No. of complaints received	Registration	Stage 3 Preliminary	Stage 4 Actions following preliminary assessment						Stage 5 Actions following detailed investigation		
		and establishment of allegations completed ¹	assessment completed ²	Insufficient prima facie evidence	Seeking further information ³	Preliminary investigation in progress ⁴	Preliminary in comple	•	Detailed investigation in progress ⁶	Cases with no further action ⁷	Cases under disciplinary consideration	Disciplinary action taken
Products arranged / issued by Lehman Brothers		16,756	16,690	684	10,595	1,460	3,951	449	3,379	151	421	-
- Minibonds		14,047	13,987	562	8,953	1,376	3,096	359	2,961	116	19	-
- Others		2,709	2,703	122	1,642	84	855	90	418	35	402	-
Products referenced to Lehman Brothers		4,067	4,051	208	2,686	215	942	25	884	47	11	-
Product type to be confirmed		206	200	40	160	-	-	•	-	•		-
Total:	21,162	21,029	20,941	932	13,441	1,675	4,893	474	4,263	198	432	
			(a)= $(b)+(c)+(d)+(e)$	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)= (f)+(g)+(h)+(i)		(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)

(For details on the various stages under the enforcement process, please refer to the flowchart at http://www.info.gov.hk/hkma/eng/new/lehman/enforcement process.pdf)

Note

- ¹ The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) formally registers each complaint and writes to each complainant to confirm receipt of his/her complaint, assigns a complaint number to facilitate subsequent communication and makes follow-up contact with each complainant (mainly by phone) to obtain or clarify details of allegations.
- ² The HKMA reviews and decides for each case (a) whether there is a lack of prima facie evidence for investigation, (b) whether further information should be sought or (c) whether there is prima facie evidence to open a case for investigation.
- ³ These are cases where additional information is being obtained from the complainant and the registered institution to facilitate the HKMA's consideration of whether to open a case for investigation. There are 3.591 cases in which it has, so far, proved impossible to obtain one or more types of necessary information from the complainants.
- ⁴ These are cases considered to have sufficient grounds for opening cases for investigation. The relevant registered institution will be required to provide, where necessary, additional information to facilitate investigation.
- ⁵ These are cases where the HKMA has decided, after a preliminary investigation, that there is prima facie evidence to support a referral to the Securities and Futures Commission for consideration of whether there has been a failure at the bank level. The HKMA will continue its investigation into these cases to establish if there has been a failure by the relevant individuals concerned.
- ⁶ These are cases which have gone through preliminary investigation but further information from the complainant and the registered institution is considered necessary to enable the HKMA to take the matter further.
- ⁷ These are closed cases where the HKMA's investigation has not found sufficient evidence or grounds to proceed with the relevant individuals concerned. However, investigations at the bank level, if any, will continue. These also include cases where investigations are unable to proceed further because the complainants have declined to provide further information to the HKMA. Investigation into these cases may be re-opened if more information is received.