

Complaints statistics concerning Lehman-related investment products (Up to 16 Jul 2009)

	No. of complaints received	Stage 1 & 2 Registration and establishment of allegations completed ¹	Stage 3 Preliminary assessment completed ²	Stage 4 Actions following preliminary assessment						Stage 5 Actions following detailed investigation		
				Insufficient prima facie evidence	Seeking further information ³	Preliminary investigation in progress ⁴	Preliminary investigation completed	Detailed investigation in progress ⁶	Cases with no further action ⁷	Cases under disciplinary consideration	Disciplinary action taken	
												Of which referred to SFC ⁵
Products arranged / issued by Lehman Brothers		16,946	16,878	1,049	9,800	1,693	4,336	457	3,240	206	890	0
- Minibonds		14,205	14,145	790	8,296	1,594	3,465	366	2,822	167	476	0
- Others		2,741	2,733	259	1,504	99	871	91	418	39	414	0
Products referenced to Lehman Brothers		4,227	4,206	376	2,438	277	1,115	25	1,019	56	40	0
Product type to be confirmed		171	169	36	133	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	21,490	21,344	21,253	1,461	12,371	1,970	5,451	482	4,259	262	930	0
			(a)=	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)=		(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
			(b)+(c)+(d)+(e)				(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 3,331 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.