

Principles for Financial Market Infrastructures: Disclosure for Euro CHATS

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List of abbreviations used in this Disclosure

BCD	Banking Conduct Department
BCP	Business Continuity Plan
CCP	Central Counterparty
CHATS	Clearing House Automated Transfer System
CMU	Central Moneymarkets Unit
CMUP	Central Moneymarkets Unit Processor
CPMI	Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures
CSSO	Clearing and Settlement Systems Ordinance
DP	Direct Participant
DvP	Delivery versus Payment
EFBNs	Exchange Fund Bills and Notes
EFO	Exchange Fund Ordinance
EUR/Euro/euro	European Dollar
FMIO	Financial Market Infrastructure Oversight
FMI	Financial Market Infrastructures
HKAB	Hong Kong Association of Banks
HKD	Hong Kong Dollar
HKICL	Hong Kong Interbank Clearing Limited
HKMA	Hong Kong Monetary Authority
ICU	Indirect CHATS User
IILF	Interbank Intraday Liquidity Facility
INEDs	Independent non-executive directors
IOSCO	International Organization of Securities Commissions
LBs	Licensed Banks
PFMI	Principles for Financial Market Infrastructures
Procedures	Operating Procedures
PSSVFO	Payment Systems and Stored Value Facilities Ordinance
PvP	Payment versus Payment
RMB	Renminbi
RMC	Risk Management Committee
RTGS	Real Time Gross Settlement
Rules	Euro Clearing House Rules, Rainstorm Procedures, Typhoon Procedures
SCBHK	Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
SI	Settlement Institution
SO	System Operator
TPU	Third Party User
TR	Trade Repositories
USD	US Dollar

I. Executive summary

1. Euro CHATS is the interbank payment system in Hong Kong for settling EUR transactions on an RTGS basis. It is built on the same infrastructure and operates in the same manner as HKD CHATS. Euro CHATS has been operating smoothly since its launch on 28 April 2003. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) appointed Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (SCBHK) as the settlement institution (SI) of Euro CHATS; and SCBHK appointed Hong Kong Interbank Clearing Limited (HKICL) as the system operator (SO).

2. Euro CHATS was designated under the Clearing and Settlement Systems Ordinance (CSSO)¹ on enactment of the ordinance in 2004 and granted a certificate of finality to provide settlement finality for transactions settled in the system. On 13 November 2015, the CSSO was amended and retitled as the Payment Systems and Stored Value Facilities Ordinance (PSSVFO)². The designation of Euro CHATS and certificate of finality granted under the pre-amended CSSO continue to have effect under the PSSVFO. Euro CHATS is subject to the oversight of the HKMA (via the Financial Market Infrastructure Oversight (FMIO) team of the Banking Conduct Department (BCD)).

3. Apart from settling large-value interbank payments, Euro CHATS also provides settlement of PvP and DvP transactions via links with other local RTGS systems and the CMU (debt securities settlement system) in Hong Kong. The system features and the turnover statistics are publicly disclosed.

4. Participation in Euro CHATS is voluntary. Licensed banks (LBs) in Hong Kong may join as Direct Participants (DP)³, Indirect CHATS Users (ICU)⁴ or Third Party Users (TPU)⁵ based on their business needs. Participation of institutions other than LBs will be subject to the approval of the SI and the HKMA on a case-by-case basis. Euro CHATS participants are required to comply with the PSSVFO, the Rules and Procedures of Euro CHATS, which are well documented and communicated to the participants. Euro CHATS is not a CCP and does not guarantee settlement of payments. In particular, the participants have to ensure that they have adequate liquidity to meet their payment obligations.

¹ The CSSO, which came into effect on 4 November 2004, provides a statutory regime for the HKMA to designate and oversee clearing and settlement systems which are material to the monetary or financial stability of Hong Kong or to the functioning of Hong Kong as an international financial centre. It also empowers the HKMA to issue guidelines to explain its role, policies and requirements in relation to the oversight of systems designated under the CSSO. The purpose of the CSSO is to promote the general safety and efficiency of clearing and settlement systems designated under the Ordinance.

² The PSSVFO, which came into effect on 13 November 2015, introduces a regulatory regime for stored value facilities and retail payment systems in addition to the existing oversight framework for clearing and settlement systems under the pre-amended CSSO. The empowerment and statutory regime established for the HKMA to designate and oversee clearing and settlement systems remain unchanged.

³ Each DP maintains a settlement account with the SI to clear and settle CHATS payments.

⁴ ICU does not maintain any settlement account with the SI. Its CHATS payments are settled through a DP.

⁵ TPU does not maintain any settlement account with the SI. Its CHATS payments are processed by its DP(s).

5. Euro CHATS has a sound risk-management framework for comprehensively managing legal, credit, liquidity, operational and other risks. The risks of operating Euro CHATS are identified, measured, monitored, managed and controlled comprehensively and prudently under a sound risk assessment and management framework of SCBHK.

6. To facilitate liquidity management by participants, the SI provides liquidity to participants through clean intraday overdraft and fully collateralised repurchase arrangements. A number of liquidity management tools have been built into Euro CHATS and real-time information is available to facilitate liquidity management by participants. A robust operational risk management framework - supported by appropriate system designs and features, IT policies, procedures and controls - is in place to ensure operational reliability and security. On-site resilience, a hot back up site, together with a comprehensive disaster recovery plan which is regularly reviewed and rehearsed, help ensure that the critical operations of SI and SO can be resumed in a timely manner under various disruption scenarios.

II. Summary of major changes since the last update of the disclosure

7. This version has been updated with the 2024 payment figures, enhancement on liquidity optimisers and ISO20022 payment message standards since the last update in June 2024.

III. General background on the FMI

General description of Euro CHATS and the markets it serves

8. The HKMA plays an active role in the development of financial infrastructure in Hong Kong, including the payment systems (CHATS) and debt securities settlement system (CMU) designated under PSSVFO, with a view to maintaining Hong Kong as an international financial centre and developing Hong Kong into a settlement hub in the Asian region.

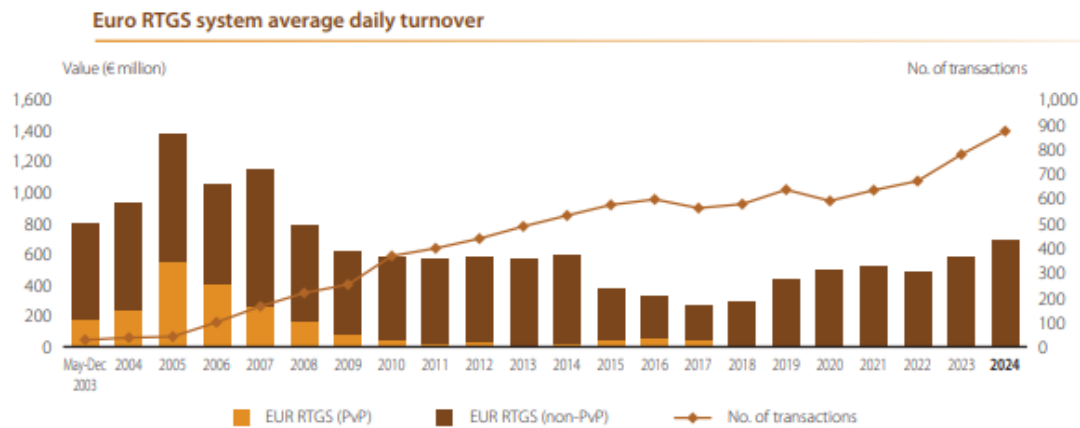
9. Euro CHATS provides a safe and efficient settlement platform for EUR interbank payments, which are settled in commercial bank money. The HKMA adopted a private sector approach in establishing Euro CHATS. It has appointed a commercial bank, SCBHK, as the SI since April 2003. Interbank payments are settled continuously on a gross deal-by-deal basis across the book of the SI as long as there are sufficient funds in the settlement accounts of Euro CHATS participants. Settlements are irrevocable and enjoy immediate finality with the statutory backing of the PSSVFO. To help enhance participants' liquidity management for smooth operation of Euro CHATS, the SI offers collateralised intraday repo facilities to participants of Euro CHATS and has introduced a number of liquidity management tools to Euro CHATS.

10. Euro CHATS also settles transactions that involve the settlement of two linked obligations simultaneously, thus eliminating principal risks arising from the settlement time lag between the two obligations. It supports PvP for EUR/USD, EUR/HKD, and

EUR/RMB foreign exchange transactions via the links with the USD, HKD and RMB CHATS in Hong Kong; and DvP for debt securities transactions via the link with CMU.

11. There is no loss-sharing arrangement in Euro CHATS. In other words, in case of a failed settlement, the defaulting party will be fully liable for the failed payment. In this connection, each participant has a responsibility to ensure that it has sufficient liquidity to effect its payments in a timely and orderly manner. Default procedures are in place and regularly drilled to minimise the impact of a default on the system and the participants.

12. Euro CHATS has been operating safely and smoothly since its launch in April 2003. Euro CHATS is subject to a system availability target of 99.9%⁶ for prime time⁷ and 99.5% for non-prime time for components within the control of the system operator. Euro CHATS system met the respective system availability targets in 2024. In 2024 Euro CHATS settled on average around 869 transactions each operating day, with an average daily value of EUR 686 million.



(Source: HKMA Annual Report 2024)

General organisation of Euro CHATS

13. Euro CHATS has governance arrangements that are clear and transparent, promote the safety and efficiency of the FMI, and support the stability of the broader financial system, other relevant public interest considerations, and the objectives of relevant stakeholders. The SI of Euro CHATS is SCBHK, which is a licensed bank in Hong Kong regulated by the HKMA. The SI has appointed HKICL as the SO of Euro CHATS. HKICL is jointly owned by the HKMA and Hong Kong Association of Banks (HKAB). The HKAB is the association of the banks in Hong Kong which represents the interests of the banking community. The SI and SO have developed policies and procedures for the safe and efficient operation of Euro CHATS, of which the HKMA has oversight (via the FMIO team).

14. Since the SI is a business function of SCBHK, the management and operations of this function fall under the governance structure of SCBHK, and are therefore subject to the normal governance, decision-making, audit and control processes of SCBHK. SCBHK is tasked with the day-to-day operations of the SI functions, liaison

⁶ There are other target measurements for HKICL’s monitoring.

⁷ Prime time refers to the period from startup of processing cycle of Euro CHATS to cutoff of that cycle, normally from 08:30 to 18:45 (Hong Kong Time).

with participants as appropriate and initiating on-going development and enhancements. Euro CHATS participants are thoroughly consulted and briefed with sufficient advance notice on important initiatives and events affecting Euro CHATS, which may be driven by the HKMA as the developer and facilitator, the local banking industry, or the latest developments in international practice and regulation.

15. HKICL is responsible for the day-to-day computer and data operations, clearing services and management of Euro CHATS on the terms and conditions set out in the service agreement signed between SCBHK (as SI) and HKICL. It is also responsible for system development as well as any equipment upgrade and maintenance. HKICL is operated as a separate legal entity, with its own Board of Directors and management team. The Board of Directors of HKICL comprises representatives of the HKMA, representatives of HKAB and two independent non-executive directors (INEDs). The operation of HKICL is managed by the CEO, who is accountable to the Board. HKICL, as the SO, is also accountable to the SI. Further details of the governance structure of HKICL are available at the HKICL website.

Legal and regulatory framework

16. The laws of Hong Kong form the legal basis for the operations of Euro CHATS, supplemented by various statutes, regulations and contractual provisions. All the relevant documents are governed by Hong Kong law and are legally binding and enforceable. The general principle for access to Euro CHATS by a participant is stated in the Rules. LBs in Hong Kong can join the system as DPs, ICUs or TPUs. Participation of institutions other than LBs will be subject to the approval of the SI and the HKMA on a case-by-case basis. The SI and the HKMA assess applications of non-LBs based on objective, risk-based, and publicly disclosed criteria.

17. There are other legal documents (Account Opening Form for EUR Settlement Account and Master Sale and Repurchase Agreement) setting out terms and conditions for the settlement account of DPs with SCBHK and repurchase arrangements between SCBHK and DPs. SCBHK (as SI) has appointed HKICL as the SO under the terms and conditions of the service agreement between SCBHK and HKICL.

18. The Rules and Procedures set out rights and obligations for participating in Euro CHATS. These documents are made available to each DP when joining the system. Euro CHATS participants are required to adhere to the Rules and Procedures and comply with the terms and conditions in the account opening form and other documents as specified by SCBHK and HKICL. A redacted version of the Rules is available on the website of the HKICL for public access.

19. Euro CHATS was designated under the CSSO on 26 November 2004, and granted a certificate of finality on the same day. CSSO was retitled as PSSVFO on 13 November 2015, under which the designation of Euro CHATS and certificate of finality continue to have effect under the PSSVFO. The certificate of finality provides statutory backing to the finality status of transactions settled through the system. This finality is protected from insolvency laws and other laws by the PSSVFO. This ensures that transactions settled through Euro CHATS are final and irrevocable and will not be reversed in any circumstance, including the insolvency of a system participant, whereas any rights resulting from the underlying transaction of any such transaction will be preserved. Both the SI and SO of Euro CHATS are required to comply with the safety and efficiency requirements stipulated in the PSSVFO and other guidelines or requirements specified by the HKMA (as overseer) from time to time.

System design and operations

Operating hours

20. Euro CHATS is open for settlement from 08:30 to 18:30 (Hong Kong Time) every working day, Monday to Friday, including Hong Kong's public holidays (except on 1 January). Meanwhile, it is available around-the-clock during Monday to Sunday for transaction input (or cancellation), except during pre-scheduled system housekeeping tasks.

Communication mode

21. Euro CHATS has been operating on SWIFT's messaging network (SWIFTNet) since May 2009 and has adopted ISO20022 payment message standards since April 2024, which help enhance interoperability between domestic and international messages for payment instructions and remove operational barriers for overseas institutions to join the system.

Clearing and settlement processes

22. All payments submitted to the system have to go through a validation process. Payment instructions with input errors will be automatically rejected. All validated transactions will be settled immediately if there is sufficient balance or intra-day overdraft limit in the settlement account of the paying participant. Otherwise, payment instructions will be queued in the system and settled on a first-in-first-out basis until there are sufficient funds in the respective settlement account to settle all the instructions in the queue. If a payment valued on the same day is not settled by the cut-off time of the system, it will be automatically cancelled by the system.

23. Euro CHATS provides DPs with real-time enquiry functions to monitor the account status and has queue management functions to re-sequence outstanding payments in payment queues.

System features

24. Apart from settling interbank transactions on a RTGS mode as mentioned above, to further reduce the chance of payment gridlocks and to smooth payment flows, the SI has implemented various measures including the provision of credit facilities in the form of intraday repo, and development of liquidity saving devices for Euro CHATS. The key tools are summarised as follows:

- a. Repo facility: DPs can arrange with the Euro SI to obtain intraday liquidity through interest-free intraday repo facility. Intraday repos that cannot be repurchased in the settlement run before the system opens in the next working day will be automatically rolled into overnight repo on which interest is charged by the Euro SI.
- b. Queuing mechanism: If a DP does not have sufficient balance in its settlement account to effect a payment, the transaction is queued in Euro CHATS. DPs can make use of the re-sequencing function to move transactions up or down their list of queued payments. The queuing mechanism allows the banks to manage their own queues of outstanding payment instructions.

- c. Real-time balance enquiry function: DPs are able to view the balance in their settlement accounts on a real-time basis, so that they can arrange funding in advance for settlement if necessary.
- d. Liquidity saving devices (liquidity optimisers): The liquidity saving devices riding on the multilateral offsetting mechanism have been developed to help Euro CHATS participants manage intraday liquidity efficiently. A built-in optimiser⁸ triggered automatically by Euro CHATS at regular intervals during the day or, if needed, by the Euro SI for periodic multilateral offsetting of payment instructions queued in Euro CHATS.
- e. Interbank Intraday Liquidity Facility: It serves to enhance efficiency of the liquidity provision mechanism between Liquidity Provider(s) (i.e. lending DP(s)) and its registered Liquidity Consumer(s) (i.e. borrowing DP(s)) in Euro CHATS on commercial terms.
- f. CHATS throughput guidelines: To encourage banks to make payments at a timely and an orderly manner throughout the day, each bank is required to release and settle not less than 35% of their interbank payments by 13:30, and 70% by 16:30 based on the value of its total CHATS payments for the day.
- g. Monitoring: To ensure the smooth processing of the payment system, the Euro SI closely monitors the payment condition of each participant on a real-time basis.

⁸ PvP payments have been included in the RTGS Liquidity Optimiser since 18 November 2024.

IV. Principle-by-principle summary narrative disclosure

Principle 1: Legal basis	<i>An FMI should have a well-founded, clear, transparent, and enforceable legal basis for each material aspect of its activities in all relevant jurisdictions.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has a well-founded, clear, transparent, and enforceable legal basis for each material aspect of its activities in Hong Kong 2. For the SI⁹: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the laws of Hong Kong provide the legal basis of the operation of Euro CHATS and the contracts underlying the system - the PSSVFO ensures the settlement finality of payments made on Euro CHATS - the HKMA appointed Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (“SCBHK”) as the settlement institution for Euro CHATS (“Euro SI”) for a period of five years commencing 1 March 2003, and re-appointed SCBHK as the Euro SI for another five years for four times commencing 1 March 2008, 1 March 2013, 1 March 2018 and 1 March 2023 respectively. The terms and conditions for SCBHK to act as the Euro SI are specified in an agreement signed between the HKMA and the SCBHK - SCBHK as the SI appointed HKICL as the SO to perform the day-to-day computer operations and clearing services. The appointment is supported by proper legal documentation and governed by laws in Hong Kong - Account Opening Form for EUR Settlement Account sets out the terms and conditions for the settlement accounts of participants with SI - the Master Sale and Repurchase Agreement sets out the terms and conditions for SI to provide liquidity to DPs through repo arrangements - the SI grants intraday repo facilities to DPs on a bilateral basis based on commercial terms 3. For the SO¹⁰: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - appointment of the HKICL as the SO of Euro CHATS is known to the public via the website of the HKMA - appointment of HKICL as the SO to perform the day-to-day computer operations and clearing services is supported by proper legal documentation, including a Services Agreement and various addendums (“Services Agreement”) between the SCBHK and HKICL - all DPs of Euro CHATS are required to observe the Rules and Procedures promulgated by HKICL, which set out the terms and conditions of the clearing arrangements for Euro CHATS. The Rules are governed by the Hong Kong law

⁹ The SI refers to Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd acting as the Euro SI

¹⁰ The SO refers to HKICL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- the Services Agreement, Rules and Procedures cover all material aspects of the operations of HKICL and are all clear, understandable and consistent with relevant laws and regulations
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Principle 2: Governance	<i>An FMI should have governance arrangements that are clear and transparent, promote the safety and efficiency of the FMI, and support the stability of the broader financial system, other relevant public interest considerations, and the objectives of relevant stakeholders.</i>
Summary disclosure	<p>1. Euro CHATS has governance arrangements that are clear and transparent, promote the safety and efficiency of the FMI, and support the stability of the broader financial system, other relevant public interest considerations, and the objectives of relevant stakeholders</p> <p>2. For the SI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the daily operation of SI of Euro CHATS is undertaken by a distinct unit within SCBHK, with clear and direct lines of responsibility and accountability - the SI function is subject to the oversight of the FMIO team under the BCD in the HKMA (pursuant to provisions of the PSSVFO) as well as to the internal audit and risk management processes of SCBHK - at the bank level, SCBHK continues to monitor to ensure fulfilment of its Euro SI role through existing governance of contributing functions (Cash Management Services / Legal / Credit / Transaction Banking / Compliance / Asset and Liability Management / Operational Risk, etc.) - HKICL, as SO of Euro CHATS, is accountable to SCBHK pursuant to the terms and conditions for its appointment, including (but not limited to) meeting documented service standards, conducting and passing regular assessments <p>3. For the SO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HKICL is a private company jointly owned by the HKMA and the HKAB - HKICL has a clear, publicly communicated governance structure. Its Board of Directors, Board Sub-Committee and Risk Management Committee (RMC) comprise representatives of the HKMA, representatives of HKAB, and INEDs - HKICL has clear, publicly-communicated mission of providing reliable, quality, efficient, cost-effective and innovative clearing and settlement services in Hong Kong - the SO function is subject to the oversight of the FMIO team in the HKMA (pursuant to provisions of the PSSVFO) - as the SO, HKICL is accountable to the SCBHK, as the SI of Euro CHATS, under a contract (Services Agreement) - HKICL has implemented a mechanism for regular reviews of both the overall Board performance and performance of individual Board members - internal audit function is in place to assess the effectiveness of HKICL's risk management and internal controls system on an ongoing basis - all material changes affecting the operations of Euro CHATS are made available to participants via various means, including the amendment of the relevant documentation and communication to the participants via documents available on the website

Principle 3: Framework for the comprehensive management of risks	<i>FMI should have a sound risk-management framework for comprehensively managing legal, credit, liquidity, operational, and other risks.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has a sound risk-management framework for comprehensively managing legal, credit, liquidity, operational, and other risks 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the SI function is a business unit of SCBHK and hence is subject to the management framework of SCBHK. SCBHK continues to monitor to ensure fulfilment of its Euro SI role, through existing governance of contributing functions (Cash Management Services / Legal / Credit / Transaction Banking / Compliance / Asset and Liability Management / Operational Risk, etc) 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the HKICL Board, Board Sub-Committee and RMC oversee the implementation of a sound and comprehensive risk management framework in the HKICL with focus on information technology, operational resilience and business continuity. A risk management framework is in place to identify, measure, monitor, and manage effectively the risks for Euro CHATS - there are stringent requirements on information technology and operational risk management. External and/or internal audits are organised to assess critical aspects of the company by carrying out, where applicable, regular information technology audits, operations audits, cyber resilience assessments and financial audits. Pre-launch system audits are conducted prior to the introduction of major systems to ensure quality and integrity - contingency drills and rehearsals of disaster recovery arrangements are regularly carried out to ensure business continuity in disaster scenarios - HKICL has implemented a recovery plan based on the international standard on FMI recovery published in October 2014 (revised in July 2017) and updated the same as appropriate - HKICL has obtained certification under two ISO systems and established associated risk management frameworks: the ISO27001 standards for Information Security Management System and ISO9001 for Quality Management System. Under these frameworks, the HKICL adopts organised methodologies to effectively identify, measure, monitor and manage all facets of risks that arise in or are borne by HKICL

Principle 4: Credit Risk	<i>An FMI should effectively measure, monitor, and manage its credit exposure to participants and those arising from its payment, clearing, and settlement processes. An FMI should maintain sufficient financial resources to cover its credit exposure to each participant fully with a high degree of confidence.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has effective credit risk management processes to measure, monitor and manage its credit exposures to DPs 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Euro CHATS is not a CCP, the SI does not guarantee settlement, and thus will not incur credit exposure to payer banks in terms of payments made to payee banks not being recoverable from the payer banks - to facilitate DPs' liquidity management, the SI will grant collateralised intraday repo facility to DPs, and hence will have credit exposure to the DPs. The SI manages its credit risk against the DPs in a way similar to the way a commercial bank manages its counterparty risk. The SI monitors its credit exposure against the DPs through relevant statistical reports and subject to the collateralised intraday repo limits granted - on managing the credit risks DPs exposed to the SI, DPs are not required to maintain any minimum balance in the settlement accounts - on managing the SI's credit exposure to the DPs, the settlement account opening agreement and the Master Sale and Repurchase Agreement have specified clearly the arrangement and the terms and conditions for the usage of the collateralised intraday repo facility. The SI may incur credit exposure to DPs due to the provision of liquidity to DPs through collateralised intraday repo facility when the market value of the securities under repo drops below the amount of liquidity provided - the SI accepts only high quality collateral registered with HKMA Central Moneymarkets Unit (CMU) as eligible securities for intraday repo. Currently, these securities consist of all Exchange Fund Bills and Notes (EFBNs) issued by the HKMA; and Euro denominated bonds issued in Hong Kong by The Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China - the SI applies prudent haircuts (increasing with remaining maturity) on the mark-to-market value of the repo securities to minimise the potential credit exposure to participants arising from fluctuations in market value of the securities - the granting of intraday credit line is discretionary and is subject to review on an ongoing basis taking into considerations various cost and risk factors 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not applicable. As the SO, HKICL does not incur any credit exposure to participants of Euro CHATS

Principle 5: Collateral	<i>An FMI that requires collateral to manage its or its participants' credit exposure should accept collateral with low credit, liquidity, and market risks. An FMI should also set and enforce appropriately conservative haircuts and concentration limits.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS accepts only collateral with no credit risk, low liquidity and market risk, and has set and enforced conservative haircuts 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the SI may incur credit exposure to participants due to the provision of liquidity to DPs through collateralised intraday repo when the market value of the securities under repo drops below the amount of liquidity provided - the SI accepts only high quality collateral registered with the HKMA CMU as eligible securities for intraday repo. Currently, eligible securities for intraday repo consist of all Exchange Fund Bills and Notes (EFBNs) issued by the HKMA and the Euro denominated bonds issued in Hong Kong by The Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China - the SI applies prudent haircuts (increasing with remaining maturity) on the mark-to-market value of the repo securities to minimise the potential credit exposure to participants arising from fluctuations in market value of the securities - the collateral management system used for securities repo, the CMU, is well designed and operationally flexible - through CMU's real-time interface with ICSDs, cross-border collaterals can be brought into the CMU system quickly at any time as required. Real-time information enables DPs to use the collaterals efficiently 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not applicable. As the SO, the HKICL does not incur any credit exposure to DPs of Euro CHATS, and hence does not impose any collateral requirement on DPs

Principle 6: Margin	<i>A CCP should cover its credit exposures to its participants for all products through an effective margin system that is risk-based and regularly reviewed.</i>
Summary disclosure	Not applicable to Euro CHATS as this principle is not applied to a payment system according to the PFMI

Principle 7: Liquidity Risk	<i>An FMI should effectively measure, monitor, and manage its liquidity risk. An FMI should maintain sufficient liquid resources in all relevant currencies to effect same-day and, where appropriate, intraday and multiday settlement of payment obligations with a high degree of confidence under a wide range of potential stress scenarios that should include, but not be limited to, the default of the participant and its affiliates that would generate the largest aggregate liquidity obligation for the FMI in extreme but plausible market conditions.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS measures, monitors and manages its liquidity risk effectively. Sufficient liquid resources in the relevant currency (EUR) are available to meet its payment obligations under potential stress scenarios 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Euro CHATS is not a CCP, the SI does not guarantee settlement, and thus will not incur liquidity risk in terms of obligations to make payments to payee banks - the SI assists DPs in the management of their liquidity requirements through the liquidity-efficient design of Euro CHATS, the provision of liquidity via collateralised intraday repo facilities, the availability of intraday funding and end-of-day funding/defunding arrangement for settlement accounts, the establishment of IILF to facilitate the DPs to lend and borrow uncollateralised funds on traditional commercial terms basis among themselves, and provision of real-time information on transactions and settlement account balances of participants - liquidity need of the SI arises in the provision of liquidity to participants through intraday repo. The SI only accepts highly liquid and marketable securities as collateral, which, when pledged, are subject to prudent haircut to address adverse effect on their valuation changes. See Principle 5 for more details - DPs are expected to follow the CHATS throughput guidelines to ensure their payments are cleared and settled at a timely and an orderly manner throughout the day - SI conducts stress testing regularly for the purpose of testing the sufficiency of liquidity of Euro CHATS 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not applicable. HKICL is not a participant in Euro CHATS nor would it provide liquidity to participants

Principle 8: Settlement finality	<i>An FMI should provide clear and certain final settlement, at a minimum by the end of the value date. Where necessary or preferable, an FMI should provide final settlement intraday or in real time.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS provides clear and certain final settlement in both intraday and real-time modes 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the PSSVFO confers settlement finality to all the payments settled in Euro CHATS 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - as stipulated in the Rules and Procedures, the settlement of a payment is deemed made, completed, irrevocable and final once it is debited from or credited to the settlement account that a participant maintains with the SI

Principle 9: Money settlements	<i>An FMI should conduct its money settlements in central bank money where practical and available. If central bank money is not used, an FMI should minimise and strictly control the credit and liquidity risk arising from the use of commercial bank money.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The HKMA adopts a private sector solution approach for developing multi-currency payment systems in Hong Kong. Accordingly, the HKMA has appointed large commercial banks with good credit standing and sound financial position as SIs for foreign currency payment systems in Hong Kong. SCBHK was appointed by the HKMA as the SI for Euro CHATS effective from April 2003. All payment instructions effected through Euro CHATS are settled across the books of SCBHK in the form of commercial money 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCBHK is a note-issuing bank in Hong Kong under the direct supervision of the HKMA, and has continuously obtained very high credit ratings. The bank managed to withstand the recent world-wide financial crisis on its own without the need for government support, which reaffirms its credit position - though the transactions are not settled in the form of central bank money per se, a number of measures have been put in place to manage and minimise the credit risk and the liquidity risk involved (see Principles 4 and 7). The risks, if any, are known to the DPs which choose to join the system voluntarily 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not applicable. HKICL is not a participant in Euro CHATS nor would it provide credit facilities/liquidity to participants

Principle 10: Physical deliveries	<i>An FMI should clearly state its obligations with respect to the delivery of physical instruments or commodities and should identify, monitor, and manage the risks associated with such physical deliveries.</i>
Summary disclosure	Not applicable to Euro CHATS as this principle is not applied to a payment system according to the PFMI

Principle 11: Central securities depositories	<i>A CSD should have appropriate rules and procedures to help ensure the integrity of securities issues and minimise and manage the risks associated with the safekeeping and transfer of securities. A CSD should maintain securities in an immobilised or dematerialised form for their transfer by book entry.</i>
Summary disclosure	Not applicable to Euro CHATS as this principle is not applied to a payment system according to the PFMI

Principle 12: Exchange-of- value settlement systems	<i>If an FMI settles transactions that involve the settlement of two linked obligations (for example, securities or foreign exchange transactions), it should eliminate principal risk by conditioning the final settlement of one obligation upon the final settlement of the other.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has implemented arrangements to eliminate principal risk for the settlement of Euro payments with a linked obligation 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PvP arrangements have been implemented for settling EUR/HKD, EUR/USD and EUR/RMB foreign exchange transactions - DvP arrangements have been implemented for settling debt securities transactions at the CMU 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - automatic mechanisms and linkages have been implemented in the relevant CHATS and securities settlement systems to support effective and efficient PvP and DvP settlements. The mechanisms will help match the PvP or DvP related obligations in the respective systems and synchronise the settlement of the obligations in the respective systems to achieve PvP or DvP settlement

Principle 13: Default Management	<i>An FMI should have effective and clearly defined rules and procedures to manage a participant default. These rules and procedures should be designed to ensure that the FMI can take timely action to contain losses liquidity pressures and continue to meet its obligations.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has effective and clearly defined rules and procedures to manage a participant default 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Euro CHATS is not a CCP. The SI does not guarantee settlement of payments, and thus will not incur any loss or liquidity risk in terms of payments made to payee banks not being able to be recovered from the payer banks - loss may arise only in the context of a defaulting participant not being able to repay the liquidity provided by the SI through collateralised intraday repo, and the value of the collateral having dropped below the amount of liquidity provided - a prudent risk management framework has been implemented to guard against the credit risk and collateral risk (see Principles 4 and 5) - the rules and procedures for managing a participant default have been set out in the Rules and Procedures issued by the HKICL, the SO of Euro CHATS 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Rules and Procedures contain clearly defined rules and operating procedures for handling a participant's default in honouring its payment obligations, including the triggering conditions and procedures for suspension of service to the default participant - the Rules and Procedures on default arrangements are subject to regular reviews and drills

Principle 14: Segregation and portability	<i>A CCP should have rules and procedures that enable the segregation and portability of positions of a participant's customers and the collateral provided to the CCP with respect to those positions.</i>
Summary disclosure	Not applicable to Euro CHATS as this principle is not applied to a payment system according to the PFMI

Principle 15: General Business Risk	<p><i>An FMI should identify, monitor, and manage its general business risk and hold sufficient liquid net assets funded by equity to cover potential general business losses so that it can continue operations and services as a going concern if those losses materialise. Further, liquid net assets should at all times be sufficient to ensure a recovery or orderly wind-down of critical operations and services.</i></p>
Summary disclosure	<p>1. For the SI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SI is operated as a unit of SCBHK, under supervision of the HKMA - SCBHK as a whole has sufficient financial resources and risk management framework to well cover the inherent risks. Asset and Liability Committee in SCBHK is responsible for maintaining a strong balance sheet (capital and liquidity) which supports business objectives and to comply with all internal policies and regulatory requirements - there is annual operating expenses planning process that covers projected costs for the SI, any extraordinary expenses beyond original budget would be subject to review and approval <p>2. For the SO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HKICL has a robust management and control system to identify, monitor and manage general business risk - the HKICL manages its financial and cash flow position prudently and continuously to operate the company as a going concern. It adheres to commonly adopted corporate governance standards and has a Board of Directors which sets the strategic direction of the company, makes major decisions affecting the business risk profile of the company, and reviews the financial position of the company on a regular basis - HKICL operates on a cost-recovery basis and the HKICL balances its financial position by covering all operating costs from the income it generates. It regularly evaluates the clearing house tariff, which provides income to the HKICL, against projected costs - based on approved development plans, the company always maintains sufficient cash flow to meet daily operational needs and high quality liquid financial resources equivalent to six months' operating expenses funded by equity in the form of retained earnings. Viable plans are also available to meet additional ad hoc or persistent liquidity needs - HKICL has implemented a recovery plan based on the international standard on FMI recovery published in October 2014 (revised in July 2017) and updated the same as appropriate

Principle 16: Custody and investment risks	<i>An FMI should safeguard its own and its participants' assets and minimise the risk of loss on and delay in access to these assets. An FMI's investments should be in instruments with minimal credit, market, and liquidity risks.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has prudent investment and risk management policies and procedures to safeguard its own and its participants' assets 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the SI is investing the positive settlement account balances in short-term or liquid assets that comply with the control framework and limit of SCBHK. The investment involves short-term lending, or high-quality assets that can be converted to cash on necessity without any stigma or relationship implication. The investment will be subject to SCBHK's internal credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk limit which is monitored under SCBHK's Group Risk and Asset Liability and Management team - collaterals posted by participants to the SI under repo for liquidity provision are in custody with the CMU operated by the HKMA. SI will not use the collaterals unless the DP is default or cannot cover its short balance - DPs may keep credit balance in their settlement accounts with the Euro SI. As such, DP's assets are their funds kept in the custody of the Euro SI, which is Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd. It is a licensed bank in HK and under the supervision of HKMA, and subject to the banking law and regulation in HK - DPs may hold securities in HKMA CMU for custody. They can pledge the eligible securities holding in the CMU to trigger repo with Euro SI, which will also keep the pledged securities in the HKMA CMU for custody. Assets of DPs kept in the Euro SI and HKMA can be freely assessed and moved by the DPs - as the Euro SI, SCBHK's investment strategy should apply. The financial and investment information is disclosed in the SCBHK annual financial statement which is published in SCBHK's website 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - as the SO, the HKICL does not hold any assets for the participants of Euro CHATS - liquid assets of HKICL are mainly held in deposits with banks in Hong Kong. All banks in Hong Kong are under the prudential supervision of the HKMA

Principle 17: Operational risks	<p><i>An FMI should identify the plausible sources of operational risk, both internal and external, and mitigate their impact through the use of appropriate systems, policies, procedures, and controls. Systems should be designed to ensure a high degree of security and operational reliability and should have adequate, scalable capacity. Business continuity management should aim for timely recovery of operations and fulfilment of the FMI's obligations, including in the event of a wide-scale or major disruption.</i></p>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plausible sources of operational risk have been identified by Euro CHATS and appropriate systems, policies, procedures and controls have been designed and implemented to address such risks 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the operation of the SI function of SCBHK is subject to the operational risk management framework of the bank - Business Continuity Plan (BCP) is established to ensure timely recovery of the SI function of the SCBHK. Provision of clearing services to participants is targeted to recover at full capacity under the BCP - assessment on operational readiness and contingency planning are conducted prior to launch of new service or major system enhancement - regular independent audits on the information technology systems and operation of Euro CHATS are in place. Back up sites are available, with real-time data mirroring implemented between both production and backup sites. The disaster recovery procedures for the operations of the system are also properly described and documented. Business Continuity Plans are reviewed, updated and regularly tested - testing or assessment on system capacity is carried out before launch of new applications/ systems, or implementation of system enhancements which involve significant changes. The estimated system capacity is matched against the projected business growth on a regular basis to ensure that the systems are capable of meeting business needs - in operating the SI function, SCBHK uses a number of measures including training, cross-team/ cross-division support, flexible working hours, maker-checker preventive controls for manual input, to prevent and mitigate human-related operational risks - in order to ensure the overall safety and efficiency of Euro CHATS, the SI has put in place a number of physical and logical access controls to protect the relevant resources of the system against unauthorised access/modification disclosure, loss or impairment 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the HKICL Board assigns operational reliability performance targets and imposes stringent operational risk management requirements. It pays particular attention to ensuring operational resilience and effective business continuity arrangements - the operational policies, procedures and controls of HKICL are designed to meet the objectives of maintaining a high level of system availability (over 99.5%) of Euro CHATS system. They are regularly reviewed and tested thoroughly before and after significant changes

	<p>are launched. The systems are designed to be scalable to accommodate stress volumes under prevailing performance levels and are tested before going live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the computer systems and controls, and operational policies and procedures are subject to regular information technology audits, operations audits and certification audits (ISO standards) carried out by internal/external auditors and certification authorities- HKICL observes the Guidance on Cyber Resilience for Financial Market Infrastructures issued by CPMI-IOSCO and the Cybersecurity Fortification Initiative issued by HKMA in addressing cyber threats- HKICL has conducted attestation against Customer Security Controls Framework issued by SWIFT- HKICL has defined endpoint security and anti-fraud requirements for participants to reduce the risk of the payment frauds in the wholesale payment ecosystem. Participants are required to make self-declaration annually and/or as needed basis in compliance of endpoint security and anti-fraud requirements- Security and anti-fraud bulletin and guidelines on handling of fraudulent payments are issued to promote awareness, support ongoing education and information sharing to participants- HKICL employs comprehensive business continuity plan (BCP) arrangements to cater for events posing a significant risk of disrupting operations, including events that could cause a wide scale or major disruption- the BCP provides arrangements for the SO to respond to unplanned service disruption to Euro CHATS and aims at facilitating timely resumption of Euro CHATS in the event of a disruption- the BCP is reviewed regularly and updated when necessary. Procedures are in place to ensure that it reflects the latest system changes
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Principle 18: Access and participation requirements	<i>An FMI should have objective, risk-based, and publicly disclosed criteria for participation, which permit fair and open access.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has objective, risk-based and publicly disclosed criteria for participants, which permit fair and open access. 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LBs in Hong Kong can join Euro CHATS as DPs, ICUs or TPUs unless otherwise provided by the HKMA or any applicable law - participation of institutions other than LBs will be subject to the approval of the HKMA and the SI on a case-by-case basis - the entry/exit criteria are objective and risk-based: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) All LBs are licensed under the Banking Ordinance of Hong Kong and subject to prudential supervision of the HKMA (ii) Participated institutions other than LBs as approved by the HKMA and the SI are subject to the customer due diligence requirements imposed by the SI, and the applicable legal and regulatory requirements (iii) The different membership category and entry requirement of DP, ICU, TPU are clearly and publicly disclosed in the HKICL website (iv) ICUs and TPUs should fulfill the due diligence requirements imposed by their DPs in accordance with the HKMA's standard and the applicable legal and regulatory requirements - suspension and exit arrangements are covered in the Account Opening Form and the Rules and Procedures, which constitute a contract between the SI, SO and the participants. Details for access to Euro CHATS, suspension and exit arrangements are provided 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - established procedures are in place in the Rules and Procedures for handling accession of new participants, suspensions and exits of participants and communicating such changes

Principle 19: Tiered participation arrangements	<i>An FMI should identify, monitor, and manage the material risks to the FMI arising from tiered participation arrangements.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS adopts a two-tier membership structure in which eligible institutions can join as either DPs or ICUs/TPUs. DPs will open settlement accounts with SCBHK as Euro SI directly while ICUs/TPUs will open accounts with their selected DPs 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it is defined in the Rules that licensed banks (LBs) in Hong Kong may, by agreement with a DP, become ICUs/TPUs through such DP unless otherwise provided by HKMA or any applicable law. Institutions other than LBs, with the permission of the SI and HKMA on a case-by-case basis and by agreement with a DP, may choose to become ICUs/TPUs through such DP - Euro CHATS mainly hosts information on DP's turnover and their credit line usage. Similar information on ICUs/TPUs is not currently available from the system or from the SI. To assess the potential risk posed by tiered participation arrangements, the HKMA will gather information from DPs on their ICUs/TPUs' activities on regular basis 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not applicable. HKICL is not a participant in Euro CHATS

Principle 20: FMI links	<i>An FMI that establishes a link with one or more FMIs should identify, monitor, and manage link-related risks.</i>
Summary disclosure	Not applicable to Euro CHATS as this principle is not applied to a payment system according to the PFMI

Principle 21: Efficiency and effectiveness	<i>An FMI should be efficient and effective in meeting the requirements of its participants and the markets it serves.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS is effective and efficient in meeting the requirements of its participants and the markets it serves 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - since inception in 2003, Euro CHATS has provided a reliable and efficient interbank payment system, and helped to maintain Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre - the effectiveness, efficiency and safety of Euro CHATS are further ensured by the effective oversight exercised by the FMIO team of the HKMA pursuant to the PSSVFO - apart from supporting the HKMA's long-term development strategies, the SI also works with the HKMA and SO in identifying new initiatives that may enhance the operating efficiency, effectiveness and safety of Euro CHATS - SCBHK as the SI appoints HKICL as the SO to perform clearing services in respect of Euro CHATS. The current terms and conditions of the clearing arrangements are specified in the Euro Clearing System Development and Clearing Services Agreement signed between the SCBHK and the HKICL, as amended from time to time. Performance criteria, such as system availability target of 99.9% for prime time and 99.5% for non-prime time, are included in the Services Agreement 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HKICL has publicly communicated objectives of delivering safe, efficient and effective solutions - clearly defined and measurable targets have been set for monitoring operational performance, which are subject to regular reviews by the Board of the HKICL, the SI and the FMIO team of the HKMA - the effectiveness and efficiency of the system in meeting the requirements of participants and market are ensured by engaging the relevant stakeholders in the design stage as well as the implementation stage of the relevant system features, including through working groups and project-specific committees - HKICL conducts regular customer satisfaction surveys with an aim of obtaining feedback from users and business partners on HKICL's services and identifying areas for improvement. Participants can also make use of this survey to provide comments and suggestions on clearing systems and system features

Principle 22: Communication procedures and standards	<i>An FMI should use, or at a minimum accommodate, relevant internationally accepted communication procedures and standards in order to facilitate efficient payment, clearing, settlement, and recording.</i>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has adopted internationally-accepted communication procedures and standards to facilitate efficient payment, clearing, settlement and recording 2. SWIFT network (SWIFTNet), an internationally accepted message carrier network, is used to process RTGS payments. The use of SWIFT standards, including adoption of ISO20022 payment message standards, facilitates overseas users to access Euro CHATS via SWIFTNet in the same way as local users without the need for any proprietary technology or special arrangements. Hence, operating procedures, processes, and system use by the overseas and local users are the same

Principle 23: Disclosure of rules, key procedures, and market data	<p><i>An FMI should have clear and comprehensive rules and procedures and should provide sufficient information to enable participants to have an accurate understanding of the risks, fees, and other material costs they incur by participating in the FMI. All relevant rules and key procedures should be publicly disclosed.</i></p>
Summary disclosure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Euro CHATS has clear and comprehensive rules and procedures to facilitate participants to understand the risks, fees, and other material costs they incur by participation. Key features and procedures of Euro CHATS, as well as the system turnover, have been publicly disclosed 2. For the SI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the role and functions of SCBHK as the SI of Euro CHATS have been publicly disclosed in various publications and the website of the HKMA - the key features of Euro CHATS, including settlement modes, liquidity management tools and settlement finality, have been publicly disclosed in various publications and the website of the HKMA - the detailed operating rules and procedures, and the fee schedule of Euro CHATS are covered in the Rules and Procedures and other communications issued by the SO to participants 3. For the SO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Rules and Procedures, which are fully accessible by all participants, provide clear and comprehensive information in relation to the risks, fees and other material costs of participating in Euro CHATS - key operational information of Euro CHATS deemed less technical in nature and easily understandable by the public, such as statistics on clearing volume and value, list of participants and participant codes have been made publicly accessible on HKICL website - as the SO, HKICL has discussed with the SI and HKAB the appropriate level of public disclosure of the key rules and operating procedures of Euro CHATS

Principle 24: Disclosure of market data by trade repositories	<i>A TR should provide timely and accurate data to relevant authorities and the public in line with their respective needs.</i>
Summary disclosure	Not applicable to Euro CHATS as this principle is not applied to a payment system according to the PFMI. Euro CHATS is not a trade repository

V. List of publicly available resources

List of public resources relevant to Euro CHATS		Website
1.	EFO	https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap66
2.	PSSVFO	https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap584
3.	Policy Statement - Oversight of Financial Market Infrastructures by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority	https://www.hkma.gov.hk/media/eng/doc/key-functions/banking-stability/oversight/FMI_oversight.pdf
4.	Oversight Framework for Designated Clearing and Settlement Systems - A Guideline issued by the Monetary Authority under the PSSVFO	https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20162020/egn201620202777.pdf
5.	Explanatory Note on Designation and Issuance of Certificate of Finality of Clearing and Settlement Systems under PSSVFO	https://www.hkma.gov.hk/media/eng/doc/key-functions/banking-stability/oversight/explanatory_note.pdf
6.	HKMA Annual Report	https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/data-publications-and-research/publications/annual-report/2024/
7.	HKICL	https://www.hkicl.com.hk
8.	Euro CHATS - System Features and Participation Requirement	https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/international-financial-centre/financial-market-infrastructure/payment-systems/
9.	Liquidity and Risk Management in the RTGS System – the Hong Kong Experience	https://www.hkma.gov.hk/media/eng/publication-and-research/quarterly-bulletin/qb200803/fa2_print.pdf
10.	Assessment of Euro CHATS by the HKMA for its Compliance with the Core Principles for Systemically Important Payment Systems	https://www.hkma.gov.hk/media/eng/doc/key-functions/banking-stability/oversight/assessment-Euro-CHATS-2016.pdf
11.	"Payment, Clearing and Settlement Systems in Hong Kong SAR", Payment, Clearing and	https://www.bis.org/publ/cpss105.pdf

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	Settlement Systems in the CPSS countries - Volume 2	
12.	<i>"Payment, Clearing and Settlement Systems in Hong Kong"</i> , Payment Clearing and Settlement Systems in EMEAP Economies	https://www.emeap.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/wgmeeting-Payment_Clearing_and_Settlement_Systems_in_EMEAP_Economies_August_2012_.pdf
13.	HKMA Statistical Bulletin	https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/data-publications-and-research/data-and-statistics/monthly-statistical-bulletin/
14.	Euro CHATS Participation Criteria	https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/key-functions/international-financial-centre/financial-market-infrastructure/payment-systems/
15.	List of Euro CHATS Participants	https://www.hkicl.com.hk/eng/information_centre/clearing_members_participants_list.php
16.	Redacted Version of Euro Clearing House Rules Rainstorm Procedures Typhoon Procedures	https://www.hkicl.com.hk/eng/information_centre/redacted_version_of_clearing_house_rules.php
17.	Euro Clearing Tariff	https://www.hkicl.com.hk/eng/information_centre/clearing_tariffs.php
18.	SCBHK	https://www.sc.com/hk/
19.	SCBHK Financial Reports	https://www.sc.com/hk/investor-relations/hong-kong-financial-reports/