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Securities and Futures (Contracts Limits and Reportable Positions) (Amendment) Rules 2011

(Made by the Securities and Futures Commission under section 35(1) of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571))

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on 25 November 2011.

2. Securities and Futures (Contracts Limits and Reportable Positions) Rules amended

The Securities and Futures (Contracts Limits and Reportable Positions) Rules (Cap. 571 sub. leg. Y) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedules 1 and 2 substituted

Schedules 1 and 2—

Repeal the Schedules

Substitute

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"Schedule 1

[ss. 2(1) & 5(a)]

Prescribed Limit and Reporting Level for Futures Contracts

Item	Futures contract	Prescribed limit	Reporting level
1.	Stock futures contracts on shares listed on a stock market operated by the Stock Exchange Company	5 000 open contracts for any one contract month	1 000 open contracts for any one contract month
2.	Three-Month Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate futures contract	Nil	1 000 open contracts for any one contract month; 4 000 open contracts for all contract months
3.	One-Month Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate futures contract	Nil	1 000 open contracts for any one contract month; 4 000 open contracts for all contract months

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Item Futures contract

4. Hang Seng Index futures and options contracts, and Mini-Hang Seng Index futures contracts and options contracts

Prescribed limit

10 000 long or short position delta limit for all contract months combined. provided the position delta for the Mini-Hang Seng Index futures contracts or Mini-Hang Seng Index options contracts shall not at any time exceed 2 000 long or short for all contract months combined

Reporting level

500 open Hang Seng Index futures contracts for any one contract month; 500 open Hang Seng Index options contracts for any one series; 2 500 open Mini-Hang Seng Index futures contracts for any one contract month and 2 500 open Mini-Hang Seng Index options contracts for any one series

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Item	Futures contract	Prescribed limit	Reporting level
5.	Hang Seng China Enterprises Index futures contracts and options contracts, and Mini-Hang Seng China Enterprises Index futures contract	12 000 long or short position delta limit for all contract months combined, provided the position delta for the Mini-Hang Seng China Enterprises Index futures contracts shall not at any time exceed 2 400 long or short for all contract months combined	Seng China Enterprises Index futures contracts for any one contract month; 500 open Hang Seng China Enterprises Index options contracts for any one series and 2 500 open Mini-Hang Seng China Enterprises Index futures contracts for any one contract month
6.	Hang Seng China H-Financials Index futures contract	10 000 long or short position delta limit for all contract months combined	500 open contracts for any one contract month
7.	Gold futures contract	Nil	500 open contracts for any one contract month

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Item	Futures contract	Prescribed limit	Reporting level
8.	Three Year Exchange Fund Note (EFN) futures contract	5 000 open contracts for any one contract month except that the limit for the spot month contract during the last 6 trading days is 1 000 open contracts	1 000 open contracts for any one contract month except that the reportable position for the spot month contract during the last 6 trading days is 200 open contracts
9.	FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index futures and options contracts	6 000 long or short position delta limit for all contract months combined	500 open FTSE/ Xinhua China 25 Index futures contracts for any one contract month and 500 open FTSE/ Xinhua China 25 Index options contracts for any one series
10.	HSI Dividend Point Index futures contract	Nil	1 000 open contracts for any one contract month
11.	HSCEI Dividend Point Index futures contract	Nil	1 000 open contracts for any one contract month

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Schedule 2

[ss. 2(1) & 5(b)]

Prescribed Limit and Reporting Level for Stock Options Contracts

Item	Stock options contract	Prescribed limit	Reporting level
1.	Stock options contracts on shares listed on a stock market operated by the Stock Exchange Company	50 000 open contracts per option class in any one market direction for all expiry months combined	1 000 open contracts per option class per expiry month
2.	Tracker Fund of Hong Kong stock options contract	50 000 open contracts per option class in any one market direction for all expiry months combined	1 000 open contracts per option class per expiry month
3.	iShares FTSE A50 China Index ETF stock options contract	50 000 open contracts per option class in any one market direction for all expiry months combined	1 000 open contracts per option class per expiry month

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Item	Stock options contract	Prescribed limit	Reporting level
4.	W.I.S.E. – CSI 300 China Tracker stock options contract	50 000 open contracts per option class in any one market direction for all expiry months combined	1 000 open contracts per option class per expiry month".

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Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

Under section 35(1) of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571), the Securities and Futures Commission may prescribe limits on the number of futures contracts and options contracts that may be held or controlled by any person. It may also prescribe the reportable positions in respect of such contracts.

2. Those limits and reportable positions are established and fixed for the futures contracts and stock options contracts specified respectively in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Securities and Futures (Contracts Limits and Reportable Positions) Rules (Cap. 571 sub. leg. Y). Schedule 1 is amended by adding 2 new dividend point index futures contracts and Schedule 2 is amended by adding 2 new stock options contracts. Items in both Schedules are also renumbered for tidiness sake.