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Securities and Futures and Companies Legislation
(Uncertificated Securities Market Amendment) Bill 2014
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Dear Ms Szeto,

## Bills Committee on Securities and Futures and Companies Legislation (Uncertificated Securities Market Amendment) Bill 2014

## Follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 22 January 2015

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2015 concerning the drafting of the Chinese text of the new section 5AA(1)(b) of the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117). I provide below a reply from the Department of Justice.

2. The new section 5AA(1)(b) of the Stamp Duty Ordinance refers to the conditions in the new section 5AAB(2)(b) of that Ordinance. Some of those conditions are not conditions that are imposed directly on a contract note itself. For example, the condition in subparagraph (iii) is that "the transfer under the sale or purchase to which the contract note relates is a transfer effected under the Uncertificated Securities Market Rules". Strictly speaking, that condition is not to be satisfied by a contract note, but by "the

transfer under the sale or purchase to which the contract note relates". In other words, so far as a contract note is concerned, that condition is only to be satisfied in respect of it. Since the language used in the legislation must be highly precise, we consider that in the context, "就該單據獲符合" is the most appropriate Chinese phrase to convey the meaning.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Ada Chan)

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

c.c. Department of Justice (Attn: Mr Manuel Ng)