Banking Policy Department

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By email

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Dear Mrs Salazar,

Cryptoassets standard: consultation on new and revised SPM modules and code of practice

I am writing to seek the Association's comments on (i) a new Supervisory Policy Manual (SPM) module CRP-1 "Classification of Cryptoassets" and (ii) our proposed revisions to the following SPM modules[1] and code of practice:

- CA-D-1 "Guideline on the Application of the Banking (Disclosure) Rules";
- CA-G-5 "Supervisory Review Process";
- CR-G-8 "Large Exposures and Risk Concentrations";
- CR-G-9 "Exposures to Connected Parties";
- CR-L-5 "Major Acquisitions and Investments: BELR Part 3";
- LM-1 "Regulatory Framework for Supervision of Liquidity Risk";
- MR-1 "Market Risk Capital Charge";
- MR-2 "CVA Risk Capital Charge"; and
- Banking (Exposure Limits) Code.

The proposed revisions to the SPM modules and code of practice are primarily to cater for the local implementation of the Basel Committee's standard on the prudential treatment of banks' cryptoasset exposures as set out in the Banking (Capital) (Amendment) Rules 2025 and the Banking (Disclosure) (Amendment)

[1] Revisions to SPM module CA-G-1 "Overview of Capital Adequacy Regime for Locally Incorporated Authorized Institutions" will be consulted separately.

Rules 2025; as well as the consequential and other amendments to the Banking (Exposure Limits) Rules as set out in the Banking (Exposure Limits) (Amendment) Rules 2025. The new SPM aims to provide authorized institutions with further guidance on the classification of cryptoassets for their prudential treatment.

I would be grateful if the Association's comments on the new and the revised SPM modules and code of practice could reach us by 10 October 2025.

I am writing in similar terms to the Hong Kong Association of Banks.

Yours sincerely,

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