

Notice No : MAS 109 (Amendment) 2021

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NOTICE ON LENDING OF SINGAPORE DOLLAR TO NON-RESIDENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduction

1 For presentational purposes, the amendments in this document are compared against the version of the MAS Notice 109 on lending of Singapore Dollar to non-resident financial institutions issued on 28 May 2004 (last updated on 5 October 2018).

2 This document shall be interpreted as follows:

- (a) Text which is coloured and struck through represents deletion which will not appear in the untracked version of MAS Notice 109 revised on 28 June 2021, which is published on MAS' website www.mas.gov.sg ("Published Version"); and
- (b) Text which is coloured and underlined represents insertion which will appear in the Published Version.

3 The amendments reflected in this document shall take effect on 1 July 2021.

4 This document is to be used for reference only. In the event of discrepancies between the amendments in this document and the Published Version, the Published Version shall prevail.



Monetary Authority of Singapore

**INSURANCE ACT
(CAP. 142)**

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NON-RESIDENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

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MAS Notice 109 dated 20 March 2002 is cancelled.

1 Scope

1.1 This Notice issued pursuant to section 64(2) of the Insurance Act (Cap 142) (~~the “Act”~~) governs the lending of S\$ by insurers to non-resident financial institutions.

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1.2 This Notice does not apply to captive insurers.

1.3 This Notice does not apply to the lending of S\$ to individuals and non-financial institutions (including corporate treasury centres).

1.4 This Notice does not permit insurers to engage in financial services beyond the scope of their registrations or in contravention of the ~~Insurance Act (Cap 142)~~ or Insurance Regulations, or other MAS Notices, Directions or Guidelines.

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2 Definition

2.1 In this Notice:

~~2.1.1~~ “Entities” include legal entities, partnerships/firms and other forms of business vehicles;

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~~2.1.2~~ “Financial institutions” means entities whose main business is in financial services, including one or more of the following:

- (a) banking;
- (b) merchant banking;
- (c) investment banking;
- (d) financing;
- (e) insurance;
- (f) dealing in capital market products;
- (g) asset / fund management (including hedge funds);
- (h) money, futures, and prime brokering;
- (i) other types of financial activity that MAS may designate in writing;

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~~2.1.3~~ “Non-residents” means entities which do not fall within the definition of a resident;

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~~2.1.4~~ “Residents” means:

- (a) companies which are at least 50% owned by Singapore citizens;
or
- (b) the following financial institutions in Singapore which are subject to this notice, or MAS Notices ~~109~~, 757, 816, 1105 or SFA 04-N04:
 - (i) a bank licensed under the Banking Act (Cap 19);
 - (ii) a merchant bank approved licensed under section 28 of the Monetary Authority of Singapore Banking Act (Cap 186);
 - (iii) a finance company licensed under the Finance Companies Act (Cap 108);
 - (iv) a registered licensed insurer (other than a captive insurer) under the Insurance Act (Cap 142); and

- (v) a person holding a capital markets services licence to carry on a business of dealing in capital market products that are securities, units in a collective investment scheme or securities-based derivatives contracts under the Securities and Futures Act (Cap 289); and
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~~2.1.5~~ “S\$ credit facilities” include loans, contingent credit lines and foreign exchange swaps involving a sale of S\$ to a non-resident financial institution in the first leg of the transaction.

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2.2 The expressions used in this Notice, except where expressly defined in this Notice or where the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as in the Act.

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3 S\$ Credit Facilities

3.1 ~~Insurers~~An insurer may lend S\$ to non-resident financial institutions for any purpose whether in Singapore or elsewhere as long as the aggregate S\$ credit facilities do not exceed S\$5 million per entity¹.

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3.2 ~~For~~Where an insurer lends S\$ to a non-resident financial institution for any purpose whether in Singapore or elsewhere and the amounts exceeding aggregate S\$ credit facilities exceed S\$5 million per entity, for that non-resident financial institution, an insurer must comply with all of the following conditions~~apply~~:

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- (a) Where the S\$ proceeds are to be used outside Singapore, ~~insurers shall~~the insurer must ensure that the S\$ proceeds are swapped or converted into foreign currency upon draw-down;

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¹ For financial institutions seeking to obtain S\$ credit facilities, each subsidiary is considered a separate entity while the ~~Head Office~~head office and all overseas branches are collectively regarded as one entity.

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- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph 3.2(a), ~~insurers shall~~the insurer must not extend S\$ credit facilities to non-resident financial institutions if there is reason to believe that the S\$ proceeds may be used for S\$ currency speculation.

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3.3 ~~Insurers are required to~~An insurer must report to MAS, monthly, ~~their~~its aggregate outstanding S\$ lending to non-resident financial institutions in the format in Appendix 1. ~~Where an insurer does not have any aggregate outstanding S\$ lending to non-resident financial institutions for a particular month, the insurer must submit a nil return is required. All for that month. An insurer must submit all of the~~ information required in Appendix 1 ~~shall be submitted~~ to the Monetary Management Division, of MAS no later than 10 working days after the reporting month. ~~Insurers shall~~An insurer must keep documentary evidence supporting these S\$ credit facilities for audit and inspection purposes.

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4 Consultation Procedure

- 4.1 Should ~~insurers~~an insurer need to consult MAS, ~~they~~it may write to:

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Monetary Management Division, MAS
10 Shenton Way, MAS Building
26th Floor
Singapore 079117
Fax: 62299491
Email: sgddiv@mas.gov.sg

* Endnotes on History of Amendments

1. MAS Notice 109 (Amendment) 2018 with effect from 8 October 2018.

2. MAS Notice 109 (Amendment) 2021 dated 28 June 2021 with effect from 1 July 2021.

APPENDIX 1

OUTSTANDING S\$ CREDIT FACILITY (To be submitted online)

AS AT END OF (month)

Name of Insurer _____ Insurer Code _____

Officer-in-charge _____ (Tel) _____

S\$ CREDIT FACILITIES

Non-Resident Financial Institution	Outstanding Amount (S\$'m)
In Singapore	
Outside Singapore	
Total	