

MAS NOTICE 636

1 March 2004

Last revised on 28 June 2021*

NOTICE TO BANKS

BANKING ACT, CAP 19

NEGOTIABLE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS

1. This Notice is issued pursuant to section 55(1) of the Banking Act (Cap. 19) ["the Act"] and relates to the issuance and safekeeping of NCDs and bearer securities.

[MAS Notice 636 (Amendment) 2021]

2. This Notice applies to all banks in Singapore that issue, or act as an authorised depository for, NCDs or bearer securities.

[MAS Notice 636 (Amendment) 2021]

Definitions

3. In this Notice –

“NCD” means negotiable certificate of deposits;

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"securities" has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Securities and Futures Act (Cap. 286).

[MAS Notice 636 (Amendment) 2021]

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

5. A bank¹ issuing an NCD must do so in minimum denominations of S\$100,000. To avoid doubt, where a bank issues an NCD denominated in a foreign currency, the minimum denomination will be the foreign currency equivalent of S\$100,000.

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6. [Deleted by MAS Notice 636 (Amendment) 2021]

7. [Deleted by MAS Notice 636 (Amendment) 2021]

Authorised Depositories

8. A bank must lodge every NCD and bearer security that it issues with any of the following authorised depository for safekeeping:

¹ Wholesale banks should also refer to the Guidelines for Operation of Wholesale Banks on the conditions for issuing bonds and NCDs in Singapore.

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(a) a bank in Singapore;

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(b) a merchant bank in Singapore;

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(c) the Depository as defined in section 81SF of the Securities and Futures Act;

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(d) a depository under the Euroclear system operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.;

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(e) a depository under the Clearstream system operated by Clearstream International S.A. or its subsidiaries;

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(f) any other depository as the Authority may approve.

9. This Notice shall take effect on 1 March 2004.

*Notes on History of Amendments

1. MAS Notice 636 (Amendment) 2004 with effect from 25 May 2004.

2. MAS Notice 636 (Amendment) 2021 dated 28 June 2021 with effect from 1 July 2021.