

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEX”)

Carbon Offset Policy for Business Air Travel

Climate change has become one of the most pressing issues of our time - across economic, social and environmental dimensions, and will play a major part in shaping ESG conversations now and within the decades ahead. Responsible corporate action must be taken before it is too late. Explicitly, we have to significantly cut our carbon emissions by 2030 to limit global warming by 1.5°C, a threshold that would reduce challenging impacts on ecosystems, human health and well-being.

Sitting at the heart of global markets in the Asian time-zone, it is both privilege and responsibility for HKEX to make a commitment towards combating climate change. We are committed to mitigating and adapting to climate change by optimising our resources and expertise, by influencing our stakeholders across the financial markets that we operate, by engaging our people and managing our operations responsibly.

The Policy

Business air travel constitutes a meaningful part of HKEX Group’s carbon footprint. To help decouple the Group’s carbon footprint with business growth, the Group is committed to offsetting its carbon emissions from business air travel through economically viable market practices.

Our Commitments

At HKEX, we are committed to ensuring that:

- Business air travel records are kept properly with flight information including travel destinations and classes for calculation of corresponding carbon emissions;
- Carbon emissions from business air travel are calculated based on the internationally-recognised standards and/or guidelines and are independently verified by third parties according to industrial best practices; and
- Carbon emissions from business air travel will be offset according to the best market practices, including but not limited to the purchase of recognised carbon credits in the market and/or via other recognised carbon reduction initiatives that the Group engages.

Review of this Policy

This Policy shall be reviewed by HKEX’s Corporate Social Responsibility Committee on a regular basis and be approved by the HKEX Board should updates be required.