

To: All members, warehouse companies and their London agents and other interested parties

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Subject: **LISTING OF HONG KONG SAR AS AN LME DELIVERY POINT FOR ALUMINIUM ALLOY, COPPER, LEAD, NICKEL, PRIMARY ALUMINIUM, TIN, AND ZINC**

Summary

1. Hong Kong SAR has been approved as an LME Delivery Point and the listing will become active three months after the first warehouse company has been approved.

Listing

2. The metals approved for delivery in Hong Kong SAR are aluminium alloy, copper, lead, nickel, primary aluminium, tin, and zinc.
3. The listing of Hong Kong SAR will become active as a Delivery Point three months after the approval of the first warehouse company in that location. The approval of warehouse companies will be published in subsequent notices.
4. Warehouse companies applying for approval in Hong Kong will need to demonstrate that they have access to the necessary experience of operating a warehouse company within the LME procedures.
5. Having commissioned external economic analysis to ensure that Hong Kong rates are appropriately calibrated in comparison to those in existing LME warehousing locations, and in accordance with clause 5.3.5 of the Warehouse Agreement, the LME has set charge cap rates as follows:
 - a. Rent:

○ Aluminium alloy	US\$0.65
○ Copper	US\$0.61
○ Lead	US\$0.61
○ Nickel	US\$0.70
○ Primary aluminium	US\$0.66
○ Tin	US\$0.66
○ Zinc	US\$0.64
 - b. FOT: Hong Kong Dollar 470.00
6. Additionally, Appendix 1 of the terms and conditions of the Warehouse Agreement has been amended to incorporate the additions of Hong Kong SAR CPI measures and FX data sources, and is attached as an appendix to this notice.

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cc: Board directors
All committees

Appendix: Appendix 1 of the terms and conditions of the Warehouse Agreement



Appendix 1 – CPI Measures and FX data sources:

CPI data

Economy	Official index name	Definition	Original source	Data available monthly
Belgium	Consumer Price Index – General index	The Belgium IPC measures the changes in the retail prices, inclusive of VAT, of a fixed set of goods and services used by households.	Statistics Belgium	✓
Germany	Consumer Price Index – Overall index	The index tracks the change in the prices of a basket of goods and services bought by the reference population for the purposes of consumption. Types of prices: Prices measured are actual prices to the consumer and include turnover taxes and VAT, taking into account rebates.	Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland	✓
Italy	Consumer Price Index – All items	The index provides a measure of temporal change in the prices of a basket of goods and services destined to final private consumption. Types of prices: the total prices of products, whether fully or partially paid by consumers.	ISTAT	✓
Japan	Consumer Price Index – All items	The index measures monthly changes in the general level of prices of goods and services that households acquire for consumption. Types of prices: Prices are transaction prices, excluding temporary reductions, special sales, etc.	Statistics Bureau of Japan	✓
Korea	Consumer Price Survey (Index) - Total	The Consumer price index is produced by collecting the prices of goods and services purchased for consumption purposes. Types of prices: Actual transaction prices inclusive of sales taxes.	KOSTAT	✓
Netherlands	Consumer Price Index – All Categories	The index measures monthly changes in the general level of prices of goods and services bought for consumption. Types of prices: Consumption expenditure is valued at purchasers' prices.	CBS	✓
Spain	Consumer Price Index – Overall index	The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures monthly changes in the general level of prices of goods and services bought by private households for consumption purposes. Types of prices: Retail prices, including sales taxes and other taxes, and price reductions (since January 2002) but excludes special offers and deferred payments.	INE	✓
Sweden	Consumer Price Index – Total	The CPI shows the average change in prices of a fixed basket of goods and services available for private consumption. Types of prices: Prices actually paid by consumers including taxes and without any addition of subsidies.	SCB	✓
United Kingdom	CPI All Items Index	The index provide an average measure of change in prices of goods and services bought for the purpose of consumption. Types of prices: Cash prices, inclusive of taxes such as VAT. Rebates are considered on a case by case basis.	ONS	✓
United States	Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers – U.S. All items	The CPI measures pure price change in a market basket of goods and services of constant quality purchased for everyday living by all residents in urban areas. Tax/rebates: The prices include any applicable taxes, discounts and rebates.	US Bureau of Labour Statistics	✓
Malaysia	Total Consumer Price Index	The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the percentage change through time in the cost of purchasing a constant "basket" of goods and services representing the average pattern of purchases made by a particular population group in a specified time period.	Department of Statistics, Malaysia	✓
Singapore	Consumer Price Index – All items	The CPI is designed to measure the average price changes of a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by the households over time. Types of prices: Transaction prices (including taxes) actually paid.	Department of Statistics, Singapore	✓
Taiwan	Consumer Price Index	The consumer price index (CPI) is a weighted average price which measures the changes in the price level of consumer goods and services generally purchased by households for consumption purposes.	National Statistics, Republic of China (Taiwan)	✓
UAE	Consumer Price Index – All items	The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the average price changes in a fixed basket of consumption goods and services.	Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority	✓
Saudi Arabia	Consumer Price Index	Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the prices paid by consumers for a fixed basket of goods and services consisting of 490 items. The basket was selected based on the results of the expenditure and income survey conducted in 2018, according to which the items and their weights were determined. The respective prices are collected through field visits to points of sale.	General Authority for Statistics	✓
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)	Composite Consumer Price Index	The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the changes over time in the price level of consumer goods and services generally purchased by households. A Composite CPI is compiled based on the overall expenditure pattern of all the households taken together to reflect the impact of consumer price changes on the household sector as a whole.	Census and Statistics Department, HKSAR	✓



FX data

Economy	Data periodicity	Original source
Belgium	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Germany	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Italy	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Japan	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Korea	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Netherlands	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Spain	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Sweden	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
United Kingdom	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
United States	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Malaysia	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Singapore	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Taiwan	Daily, monthly, annual	Federal Reserve
UAE	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Saudi Arabia	Daily, monthly, annual	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)	Daily, monthly, annual	Federal Reserve