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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III:3 OF THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES**

The following notification, dated 28 September 2021, from the delegation of Hong Kong, China, is being circulated to Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

1 MEMBER NOTIFYING

Hong Kong, China

2 NOTIFICATION UNDER

Article III:3 of the General Agreement on Trade in Services

3 DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE

29 March 2021

Duration

Indefinite

4 AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE MEASURE

Insurance Authority

5 DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE

Insurance-linked securities ("ILS") are risk management tools that allow insurers or reinsurers to offload risks that they have underwritten to the capital market by way of securitization. The Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance provides for a new regulatory regime for ILS business and also expands the scope of insurable risks of captive insurers set up in Hong Kong. The Insurance (Special Purpose Business) Rules prescribe restrictions on the sale of ILS for the protection of ordinary retail investors.

6 MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY AFFECTED, IF ANY

None

7 TEXTS AVAILABLE FROM

Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 –

<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20202430/es12020243017.pdf>

Insurance (Special Purpose Business) Rules

<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20212503/es2202125038.pdf>
