

Email dated 20 October 2021 to PLIs

Subject : Extension of Principal Moratorium (PM) and Pre-approved Principal Payment Holiday Scheme (PPPHS) under SME Loan Guarantee Scheme (SGS)

Dear All,

I refer to our email dated 30 March 2021 regarding the arrangement of Principal Moratorium (PM) and Pre-approved Principal Payment Holiday Scheme (PPPHS) under the SME Loan Guarantee Scheme (SGS). Please be informed that, with immediate effect, -

- (1) The PPPHS, which covers SGS loans (except those loans which have approved with a total of 24 months of principal moratorium), has been extended for a further six months to **end April 2022**. Please refer to the press release of HKMA on 21 September 2021 –

<https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/news-and-media/press-releases/2021/09/20210921-3/>

- (2) The application period for PM under SGS is extended from 31 December 2021 to **30 June 2022**. The maximum duration of principal moratorium is increased from 18 months to **24** months. The loan guarantee period can be extended correspondingly.

In accordance with the above, the Information Sheet of September 2019 for PM (with revisions made on 15 July 2020, 3 September 2020 and 30 March 2021) and the Information Sheet of April 2020 (with last revision on 3 September 2020) for PPPHS would be revised as below –

Information Sheet of September 2019 for PM and Emails dated 15 July 2020, 3 September 2020 and 30 March 2021 to PLIs on New Arrangement of PM

Part (II) (3) : would be replaced by “**Under the new relief measure, a Lender may offer a Borrower: (a) not more than 12 months**

principal moratorium period for each request of the Borrower; and (b) in aggregate, not more than 24 months principal moratorium period during the term of the Facility.”

Part (II) (5) : would be replaced by **“The new relief measure is effective from 4 September 2019 up to 30 June 2022.”**

Information Sheet of April 2020 for PPPHS and Email dated 3 September 2020 to PLIs

Part (II) (4) : would be replaced by **“PPPHS is applicable to all eligible Borrowers with SGS loans, except Borrowers that have approved with a total of 24 months’ principal moratorium (“PM”) launched by the Trade and Industry Department (“TID”) on 4 September 2019.”**

Except the above changes and changes in our emails of 15 July 2020, 3 September 2020 and 30 March 2021, other parts of the Information Sheets remain valid.

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