

A BILL

To

Amend the Stamp Duty Ordinance to give effect to the proposal in the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address to reduce the rate of stamp duty on certain instruments in respect of Hong Kong stock.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title and commencement

- (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Stamp Duty (Amendment) (Stock Transfers) Ordinance 2023.
- (2) This Ordinance comes into operation on the day immediately following the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

2. Stamp Duty Ordinance amended

The Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. First Schedule amended

- (1) First Schedule, head 2(1), paragraph (A)—

Repeal

“0.13%”

Substitute

“0.1%”.

- (2) First Schedule, head 2(3), paragraph (A)—

Repeal

“0.26%”

Substitute

“0.2%”.

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117) (*Ordinance*) to give effect to the proposal in the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address to reduce the rate of stamp duty on certain instruments in respect of Hong Kong stock.

2. Clause 1 sets out the short title and provides for commencement.
3. Clause 3 amends head 2(1) and (3) in the First Schedule to the Ordinance—
 - (a) to reduce the rate of stamp duty chargeable on a contract note for the sale or purchase of any Hong Kong stock not being jobbing business from 0.13% to 0.1%; and
 - (b) to reduce the rate of stamp duty chargeable on a transfer operating as a voluntary disposition inter vivos or made for the purpose of effectuating a transaction whereby the beneficial interest in Hong Kong stock passes otherwise than on sale and purchase from 0.26% to 0.2%.