## Phase 2 of the New Inspection Regime

## Revision of Specified Forms and Filing Requirements

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## Highlights of the New Inspection Regime (1)

- The Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) ("CO") provided for a new inspection regime for personal information on the Companies Register ("the Register") maintained by the Companies Registry ("CR").
- > The Register maintained by the CR contains personal information available for public inspection.
- Such personal information includes :
  - the usual residential addresses ("URAs") and full identification numbers ("IDNs") of directors of companies;
  - full IDNs of company secretaries and some other individuals (such as liquidators and provisional liquidators).
- Similar personal information is also contained in the registers kept by companies which are open for public inspection.



## Highlights of the New Inspection Regime (2)

- Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the CO concerning the New Inspection Regime which were passed by the Legislative Council in July 2012 but had not fully commenced, <u>correspondence addresses</u> instead of URAs <u>of directors</u> and <u>partial IDNs</u> instead of full IDNs of directors, company secretaries and other relevant persons would be made available on the Register for public inspection.
- The URAs and full IDNs ("Protected Information") would only be accessible by "specified persons" upon application.
- Similarly, companies may withhold from public inspection the Protected Information on the registers they have kept.



## **Three Phases of the New Inspection Regime**

- Phase 1 (from 23 August 2021)
- Phase 2 (from 24 October 2022)
  - Protected Information on the Index of Directors on the Register will be replaced with correspondence addresses and partial IDNs for public inspection.
  - Protected Information contained in documents filed for registration after commencement of this phase will NOT be provided for public inspection.
  - "Specified persons" can apply to the CR for access to Protected Information of directors and other persons.
- Phase 3 (from 27 December 2023)



### In case:-

- (a) communications sent by the Registrar to the director, and requiring a response within a specified period, remain unanswered; or
- (b) there is evidence that the service of documents by the Registrar at the relevant correspondence address of the director is not effective to bring them to the notice of the director,

# the Registrar may make a protected address available for public inspection [section 55(1)]



## Key Provisions in the CO / Subsidiary Legislation

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Annual Return (Local Company) (Form NAR1)

The particulars to be contained will **no longer include**:

- > URA and full IDN of a natural person director;
- > Full IDN of a natural person company secretary.

[sections 3 and 4 of Schedule 6 to the CO]

Annual Return (Registered Non-Hong Kong Companies) (Form NN3)

The particulars to be contained will **no longer include**:

- > URA and full IDN of a natural person director;
- > Full IDN of a natural person company secretary;
- Full IDN of a natural person authorized representative. [sections 9(2A), (2B) and (2C) of the Companies (Non-Hong Kong Companies) Regulation (Cap. 622J)]

## **Revised Specified Forms (1)**

- To facilitate the implementation of Phase 2 of the New Inspection Regime, 26 specified forms which pertain to the reporting of Protected Information have been revised for use starting from 24 October 2022.
- The revised specified forms were published in the Gazette (G.N. 3130 and 3168) on <u>24 June 2022</u>.
- The same can be downloaded from the thematic section on "New Inspection Regime" on CR's website.
- Please refer to our <u>External Circular No. 1/2022</u> for details.

## **Revised Specified Forms (2)**

> Commonly used forms being revised include:

### Local Company

- Form NAR1 Annual Return
- Form ND2A Notice of Change of Company Secretary and Director (Appointment / Cessation)
- Form ND2B Notice of Change in Particulars of Company Secretary and Director
- Form ND4 Notice of Resignation of Company Secretary and Director
- Form NNC1 Incorporation Form (Company Limited by Shares)
- Form NW3 Notice of Appointment of Liquidator or Provisional Liquidator

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## **Revised Specified Forms (3)**

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### Registered Non-Hong Kong Company

- Form NN1 Application for Registration as Registered Non-Hong Kong Company
- Form NN2 Notification of Termination of Authorization of Authorized Representative of Registered Non-Hong Kong Company
- Form NN3 Annual Return of Registered Non-Hong Kong Company
- Form NN6 Return of Change of Company Secretary and Director of Registered Non-Hong Kong Company (Appointment / Cessation)
- Form NN7 Return of Change in Particulars of Company Secretary and Director of Registered Non-Hong Kong Company
- Form NN8 Return of Change of Authorized Representative of Registered Non-Hong Kong Company (Appointment / Cessation)
- Form NN8C Return of Change in Particulars of Authorized Representative of Registered Non-Hong Kong Company

## **Revised Specified Forms (4)**

- > Major changes include :
  - Modification of the relevant fields for reporting correspondence address of directors and partial identification numbers of relevant persons;
  - Introduction of a "PI-sheet" to individual form for reporting Protected Information.
    - (Note : The PI-sheet will <u>NOT</u> be available for public inspection.)



## Major Changes at a Glance (1)

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### - Main Form and PI-Sheet

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	<ul> <li>公司須於本頁申報新委任公司秘書的香港身分證或護熙的<u>完整號碼</u>。</li> <li>The <u>full number</u> of Hong Kong Identity Card or passport of the newly appointed company secretary should be reported on this page.</li> <li>公司須於本頁申報新委任董事的香港身分證或護熙的<u>完整號碼及通常住址</u>。</li> <li>The full number of Hong Kong Identity Card or passport and usual residential address</li> </ul>
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## Major Changes at a glance (2) - Main Form (Form ND2A)

### 表格 Form ND2A

Form NDZA 3 委任公司秘書/董事 (自然人) Appointment of Company Secretary / Director (Natural Person) (約率任期号-名自然人為公司紹喜/董事・通川環日 現報 Use Continuation Sheet B if more than 1 natural person is appointed as company secretary / director)

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	- PI-Sheet (PI-ND2A)
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	<ul> <li>公司須於本頁申報新委任公司秘書的香港身分證或護照的完整號碼。</li> <li>The <u>full number</u> of Hong Kong Identity Card or passport of the newly appointed company secretary should be reported on this page.</li> <li>公司須於本頁申報新委任董事的香港身分證或護照的完整號碼及通常住址。</li> <li>The <u>full number</u> of Hong Kong Identity Card or passport and <u>usual residential address</u> of the newly appointed director should be reported on this page.</li> </ul>
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## **Introduction of New Amendment Form**

- In view of section 54(2) of the CO, the current approach for rectification of information on the Companies Register has to be revised to ensure that Protected Information contained in amended documents will <u>NOT</u> be made available for public inspection;
- A new Administration Form, Form AD Rectification of Typographical or Clerical Error in Registered Document is introduced for use <u>starting from 24 October 2022</u>;
- Please refer to our <u>External Circular No. 6/2022</u> "Implementation of Phase 2 of New Inspection Regime -Rectification of Information on the Companies Register" which will supersede External Circular No. 7/2014 on the same issue upon commencement of Phase 2 of the New Inspection Regime on 24 October 2022.

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## Form AD (1)

### - Main Form and PI-Sheet

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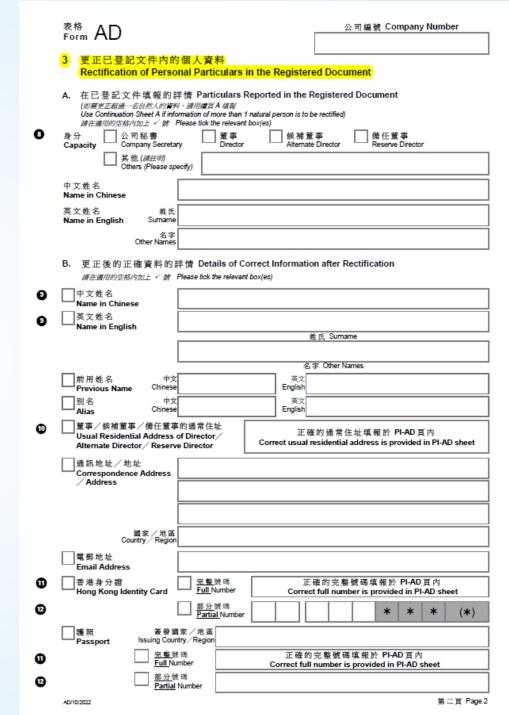
## Form AD (2)

### - Section 3

For rectification of typographical or clerical error involving personal particulars of individuals, section 3 of the Form AD should be completed.

Protected Information should be reported on a PI-AD sheet.

PI-AD sheet is NOT available for public inspection.



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<sup>表格</sup> Form AD

## Form AD (3)

- Section 4

 For rectification of typographical or clerical error in other information, section 4 of the Form AD should be completed.

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## Form AD (4)

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> Relevant page of the registered document containing the erroneous information may be attached to the Form AD if it does not include any Protected Information.

In/this case, the word "AMENDED" should be printed on the top of the amended page with the corrected information underlined while the other content of the page should remain identical to the original registered document.

本申報表的緒蕙日期 Date to which this Return is Made Up 月 MM **每YYYY** H DD



表格 Form, NAR1,



非上市公司的成員詳情(第13項) Particulars of Member(s) of a Non-listed Company (Section 13)

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★ If there have been any transfers of the company's shares since the date of the last annual return (or since incorporation if this is the first annual return), please also provide details of the transfers; the name of the transferee should be stated in the 'Remarks' column.

指張編號 1/2014 (2014 年 3 月) Specification No. 1/2014 (March 2014) -

## **Transitional Arrangements (1)**

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There will be <u>NO</u> transitional arrangement regarding delivery of specified forms and amended documents to CR for registration

- As from 24 October 2022 :
  - The CR will only accept the <u>revised</u> specified forms. Forms that are currently in use will <u>no longer be acceptable</u> and will be returned to the document presentors.
  - The CR will only accept Form AD for applying for rectification of typographical and clerical errors on registered documents. The previous approach of using the amended version of documents for rectification will no longer be acceptable and the amended version of document will be returned to the presentors.

## **Transitional Arrangements (2)**

The Electronic submission service for amended documents via "Online Submission > Rectification of Registered Documents" at the e-Registry will be <u>suspended</u>. Submission of Form AD will only be accepted in paper for the time being.



## **Transitional and Saving Provisions in the CO** Highlights of Amendments of Schedule 11 to the CO

- Section 2A of Schedule 11 Correspondence address of directors etc. in Companies Register
  - (1) The Registrar must record the following address as the correspondence address of a director or reserve director of a company –
    - Local Companies : the address shown, immediately before the commencement date of Phase 2, on the Companies Register as the address of the company's registered office;
    - <u>Registered Non-Hong Kong Companies</u>: the address shown, immediately before the commencement date of Phase 2, on the Companies Register, as the address of the company's principal place of business in Hong Kong.

## Transitional and Saving Provisions in the CO Highlights of Amendments of Schedule 11 to the CO

- Section 2A of Schedule 11 Correspondence address of directors etc. in Companies Register
  - (2) After an address is recorded as the correspondence address of a director or reserve director of a company, the Registrar must update the entry of such correspondence address with –
    - Local Companies : the latest address of the company's registered office contained in a Form NR1 and registered by the Registrar;
    - <u>Registered Non-Hong Kong Companies</u> : the latest address of the company's principal place of business in Hong Kong contained in a Form NN9 and registered by the Registrar.



## **Transitional Arrangements – TPSI Service**

- > Third Party Software Interface ("TPSI") service at e-Registry
  - The TPSI service will cease for 10 specified forms which will contain Personal Information upon commencement of Phase 2 of the New Inspection Regime :
    - Form NAR1

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- Form ND2A
- Form ND2B
- Form ND4
- Forms ND5, ND7 and ND8
- ♦ Form NNC1
- Form NNC1G
- Form NN3
- The TPSI service for these 10 forms will be provided upon Phase 3 of the New Inspection Regime (in December 2023).



**Further Information** 

Thematic section on "New Inspection Regime" on the Companies Registry's website



(www.cr.gov.hk/en/legislation/nir/overview.htm)



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