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#### Regulatory Developments

#### CSRC revises special provisions on information disclosure by commercial banks

CSRC revised "Compilation Rules for Information Disclosure by Companies Publicly Offering Securities to the Public (No. 26) - Special Provisions on Information Disclosure by Commercial Banks". First, it is added with information disclosure requirements for innovative businesses such as trust and wealth management. Second, it unifies information disclosure standards. Third, it simplifies information disclosed content. It removes duplicate regulations on banks' internal control system, simplifies disclosure on names and addresses of banks at all levels, as well as gives banks the option to make disclosure by regions according to their own management characteristics. And the disclosure requirement on external guarantees of banks during their daily operations is exempt.

CSRC News (Currently Only Available in Chinese)

### CIRC modifies "Interim Administrative Measures for Utilization of Insurance Funds"

CIRC modified Article 16 of "Interim Administrative Measures for Utilization of Insurance Funds" as follows: "Insurance Group (Holdings) and insurance companies that run insurance funds shall comply with the relevant proportion requirements of China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) and detailed provisions shall be specified separately by CIRC. CIRC can adjust the investment proportion of insurance funds in accordance with the specific circumstances. Previously, the provision was that the proportion of insurance funds to invest in securities, funds and stocks cannot exceed 25% of the total assets of the insurance companies at the last quarter end.

<u>CIRC News</u> (Currently Only Available in Chinese)

## Six Departments including PBC study the feasibility for technology-related listed companies to issue preference shares

People's Bank of China (PBC), in conjunction with Ministry of Science and Technology, CBRC, CSRC, CIRC and State Intellectual Property Office, issued "Opinions on Vigorously Promoting Institutional Innovation and Effectively Providing

Financial Services for Technology Industry" ("Opinions"). Covering multi-dimensions such as financial organization system, credit product innovation and financing channel diversification, the Opinions introduce reform measures to promote deep-seated collaboration between technology and finance, so as to provide financing services for technology companies. The Opinions encourages qualified micro-credit companies and financial leasing companies to raise funds through such means as asset securitization and bond issuance. The Opinions also indicates that it will study the feasibility for technology—related listed companies to issue preferred stock—and directional convertible bonds as acquisition instruments, thereby diversifying merger and reorganization instruments.

PBC News (Currently Only Available in Chinese)

#### Macro & Financial Market News

# Commercial banks can issue write-down bonds on Shanghai Stock Exchange, both financial products and individuals can participate

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Shanghai Stock Exchange issued "Notice on Relevant Matters Concerning Capital Replenishment of Commercial Banks by Issuing Corporate Bonds as well as Bond Trading and Transfer". According to the Notice, the scope of commercial banks that can issue write-downs bonds on Shanghai Stock Exchange is further expanded to include not only institutional investors but also "financial products issued by financial institutions", as well as individual investors whose assets are not less than RMB 5 million.

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