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Definitions:

1. Specialist Technology Product - A product and/or service (alone or together with other products or services) that applies science and/or technology within a Specialist Technology Industry. Specialist Technology Industry includes (i) next-generation information technology; (ii) advanced hardware and software; (iii) advanced materials; (iv) new energy and environmental protection; and (v) new food and agricultural technologies. For the list of the acceptable sectors falling within each Specialist Technology Industries, refer to Chapter 2.5 of the Guide to New Listing Applicants.
2. Qualifying Exchange – The New York Stock Exchange LLC, Nasdaq Stock Market or the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange plc (and belonging to the UK Financial Conduct Authority's 'Premium Listing' segment).
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4. Centre of gravity in Greater China – Non-exhaustive factors will be considered in determining whether an overseas issuer has its centre of gravity in Greater China, which include: (a) whether the issuer has a listing in Greater China; (b) the issuer's history; (c) the issuer's place of incorporation; (d) the issuer's headquarter; (e) the issuer's place of central management and control; (f) the location of the issuer's main business operations and assets; (g) the location of the issuer's corporate and tax registration; and (h) the nationality or country of residence of the issuer's management and controlling shareholder.
5. Greater China Issuers – A Qualifying Issuer with its centre of gravity in Greater China. Qualifying Issuer is an issuer primary listed on a Qualifying Exchange.
6. Non-Greater China Issuers – A Qualifying Issuer that is not a Greater China Issuer.
7. Grandfathered Greater China Issuers - A Greater China Issuers that was: (a) primary listed on a Qualifying Exchange on or before 15 December 2017; or (b) primary listed on a Qualifying Exchange after 15 December 2017, but on or before 30 October 2020 and controlled by corporate WVR beneficiaries as at 30 October 2020.
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