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To: Chief Executives of authorized insurers carrying on long term business

Dear Sirs,

Updates to the Interpretation Notes for the Guideline on Sale of Investment-Linked Assurance Scheme (“ILAS”) Products (“GL26 Interpretation Notes”)

The Insurance Authority (“IA”) issued a circular on 28 December 2021 regarding its “Note on the Green Light Process for Assessment of Investment-Linked Assurance Scheme (“ILAS”) Products against Standards in Guideline on Underwriting Class C Business (GL15)” and the consequential updates to the GL26 Interpretation Notes.

To provide greater flexibility in product development, the IA has updated the criteria of the Protection Linked Plan (“PLP”) as set out under Q&A 11A of GL26 Interpretation Notes to the effect that the provision of at least one of the investment choices facilitating de-risking of policy holders towards retirement shall become optional from 12 October 2022. We enclose herewith a copy of the updated version for reference. A full set of GL26 Interpretation Notes can also be downloaded from the website of the IA.

Should you have any questions to this circular, please contact your case officers.

Yours faithfully,

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Securities and Futures Commission
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