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Chair, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (Cayman Islands)

Dear Heads of Private Sector Associations:

## Re: <u>Private Sector Consultation Paper: Rule and Statement of Guidance on Market</u> Conduct for Virtual Asset Service Providers

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority ("the Authority") forwards herewith for comments the proposed:

## (1) Rule and Statement of Guidance on Market Conduct for Virtual Asset Service Providers

A Private Sector Consultation Paper (PSCP") is being forwarded along with the proposed measure to provide the relevant Associations with the consultation documents as required by the Monetary Authority Act (2020 Revision). Please refer to the PSCP for further details on the Background, Purpose and Rationale of the Measure, and Significant Costs and Benefits.

If your association has comments, please forward a consolidated response on its behalf, on or before Wednesday, **June 25**, **2025**<sup>1</sup>.

Before proceeding with the proposed measure, the Authority shall have regard to any representations made by the private sector associations only. Feedback submitted by individuals,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Where the private sector association has no comments or representations on the proposed measure, it is recommended that the Authority be informed of this fact.

entities, or other bodies, unless acting on behalf of private sector associations, will not be accepted by the Authority. Representations from private sector associations must be submitted as a consolidated document, and a listing of the entities which provided feedback should be included. Private sector associations should ensure that conflicting positions are resolved prior to submission to the Authority. Where positions conflict within or across associations, the Authority will consider all available information in taking a decision, which will be at its sole discretion.

To ensure that all responses are given due consideration, it is important that private sector associations make clear reference to the sections of the measure being commented on, and that responses are unambiguous, clearly articulated and based on fact. The consultation process is not designed to address complaints or grievances. Feedback of this nature should be submitted through the established complaints process.

In cases where the feedback proposes to change a policy position of the Authority or substantially amend any requirement of the draft measure, information to support the position of the association must be provided. The table below provides an example of the Authority's expectation with regard to feedback for the proposed measure.

Reference	Example of a Helpful Comment	Examples of Comments needing more Support	
Rule 4.2 <sup>2</sup>	In Rule 4.2 the current text omits the fair value measurement of liabilities. Also, as defined it is not asymmetrical with the Market Price definition and thus scenarios exists that fall into neither category.	×	This is not what is done in other jurisdictions.
	Suggested wording:  Hard-to-Value Securities means an asset or	×	I don't think we should do this.
	liability for which there is no Market Price which is required to be measured at fair value pursuant to 5.2	×	CIMA is not considering the position of the experts.

The consultation document will be posted to the Authority's website at www.cima.ky.

We look forward to your response and should you have any queries, please email <a href="mailto:contactpolicy@cima.ky">contactpolicy@cima.ky</a>.

Sincerely,

Rayford Britton

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cc: Mrs. Cindy Scotland, OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Cayman Islands Monetary Authority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This example is not reflective of the content of the proposed measure.