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Cash Dividend with Currency Option Announcement for Equity Issuer

Issuer name	HSBC Holdings plc
Stock code	00005
Multi-counter stock code and currency	Not applicable
Other related stock code(s) and name(s)	Not applicable
Title of announcement	Interim dividend for the 2021 half year
Announcement date	02 August 2021
Status	New announcement

Information relating to the dividend

Dividend type	Other dividend
	Interim dividend for the 2021 half year
Dividend nature	Ordinary
For the financial year / period end	31 December 2021
Dividend declared	USD 0.07 per share
Date of shareholders' approval	Not applicable

Information relating to Hong Kong share register

Default currency and amount in which the dividend will be paid	HKD amount to be announced
Exchange rate	To be announced
Amount in which the dividend will be paid in alternative currency 1	USD 0.07 per share
Exchange rate for alternative currency 1	USD 1 : USD 1
Amount in which the dividend will be paid in alternative currency 2	GBP amount to be announced
Exchange rate for alternative currency 2	To be announced
Partial election of currency option	Yes
Closing date and time for option election	16 September 2021 16:30
Ex-dividend date	19 August 2021
Latest time to lodge transfer documents for registration with share registrar for determining entitlement to the dividend	20 August 2021 16:00
Book close period	Not applicable
Record date	20 August 2021
Payment date	30 September 2021

Share registrar and its address	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited Rooms 1712-1716 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East Hong Kong

Information relating to withholding tax	
Details of withholding tax applied to the dividend declared	Not applicable

Information relating to listed warrants / convertible securities issued by the issuer	
Details of listed warrants / convertible securities issued by the issuer	Not applicable

Other information

On 2 August 2021, the Directors approved an interim dividend for the 2021 half year of USD0.07 per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2021. The dividend will be payable on 30 September 2021 to holders on the Principal Register in the UK, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register on 20 August 2021. The dividend will be payable in US dollars, or in pounds sterling or Hong Kong dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at or about 11.00am on 20 September 2021, or a combination of these currencies. Particulars of these arrangements will be sent to shareholders on or about 27 August 2021 and changes to currency elections must be received by 16 September 2021. The ordinary shares in London, Hong Kong and Bermuda, and American Depositary Shares (ADSs) in New York will be quoted ex-dividend on 19 August 2021. As announced on 23 February 2021, the Group has decided to discontinue the scrip dividend option.

The dividend will be payable on ADSs, each of which represents five ordinary shares, on 30 September 2021 to holders of record on 20 August 2021. The dividend of USD0.35 per ADS will be payable by the depositary in US dollars. Alternatively, the cash dividend may be invested in additional ADSs by participants in the dividend reinvestment plan operated by the depositary. Elections must be received by 10 September 2021.

Any person who has acquired ordinary shares registered on the Principal Register in the UK, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register but who has not lodged the share transfer with the Principal Registrar in the UK, Hong Kong Overseas Branch registrar or Bermuda Overseas Branch registrar should do so before 4.00pm local time on 20 August 2021 in order to receive the dividend.

Ordinary shares may not be removed from or transferred to the Principal Register in the UK, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register on 20 August 2021. Any person wishing to remove ordinary shares to or from each register must do so before 4.00pm local time on 19 August 2021.

Transfer of ADSs must be lodged with the depositary by 11.00am on 20 August 2021 in order to receive the dividend. ADS holders who receive a cash dividend will be charged a fee, which will be deducted by the depositary, of USD0.005 per ADS per cash dividend.

Directors of the issuer

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement comprises:
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