



# New measure facilitating HK SMEs in developing E-commerce



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### **HKECIC** at a Glance



 Established in 1966 under Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation Ordinance (Chapter 1115) J

HKECIC provides Export Credit Insurance

 Protecting Hong Kong exporters against nonpayment risks arising from commercial and political events



Statutory maximum liability standing at **\$80 billion** 

• Financially self-sufficient and no Government's subvention





### **Benefits of Trade Credit Insurance**







# Our Mission



HKECIC's mission is to encourage and support the export trade with insurance protection against non-payment risks arising from commercial and political events through the provision of professional and customer-oriented services.





## Status Quo of Cross Border E-commerce

### Rapid Growth



Cross-border e-commerce trade has been growing tremendously worldwide in the past few years. Global market is expected to reach **US\$7.9 trillion\*** in 2030.

There are many HK local merchants, through different e-commerce platforms (e.g. Amazon, JD, Taobao, Tmall, eBay, etc), who sell their goods all around the world. Most of those HK merchants are **SMEs**.

**Pain Point** 



Difficult to access the trade loan from traditional banks or financial institutions due to light asset base.

That creates a financing gap which acts as a hurdle for building SME resilience and potential growth.



\*https://www.statista.com/statistics/1296796/global-cross-border-ecommerce-market-value/



**First Alternative** Data Solution for **Cross-border E-commerce** Trade





With the aim of facilitating access to trade financing, encouraging and supporting their development of cross-border e-commerce trade, HKECIC has collaborated with a reinsurance company (SCOR) to develop an insurance cover on trade loan aranted by a Fintech company (FundPark), to support cross-border e-commerce trade.



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融資風險絕非易事,尤其是中小型企業,其業務實力和潛力 通常不容易從其財務狀況或傳統的風險核保因素中體現出 來。法國再保險很高興能與香港出口信用保險局及 FundPark 合作,共同開發一項以數據為主導的自動化核保工具,協助 進行高效率、高成效的貿易信貸風險評估,從而協助保險公 司和融資機構在這個未被開發的市場中抓緊機調

### **Insurance** Cover



The cover can protect the FinTech company, as a financial institution, and **minimise their loss**, which eventually can encourage for more capital to be made available for SMEs.

The insurance covers the risk of insolvency and payment default from cross-border e-commerce merchants.







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Algorithm-based Risk Assessment

The risk assessment on obligor (merchant) does not depend on the traditional balance sheet underwriting.

An algorithm-based risk assessment model is adopted and it mainly relies on alternative data provided by cross-border e-commerce platform & payment gateway partner.

Alternative data refers to **transactional data** and **non-transactional data** collected from third-party sources, including:

#### E-commerce platform

Merchant's sales proceeds, order defect rate, order cancellation rate, order dissatisfaction rate, late shipment, response time, product authenticity, etc.

#### Payment gateway partner

Number of merchant's account registered in payment gateway, number of account authorized to the FinTech company, amount transferred via payment gateway, etc.









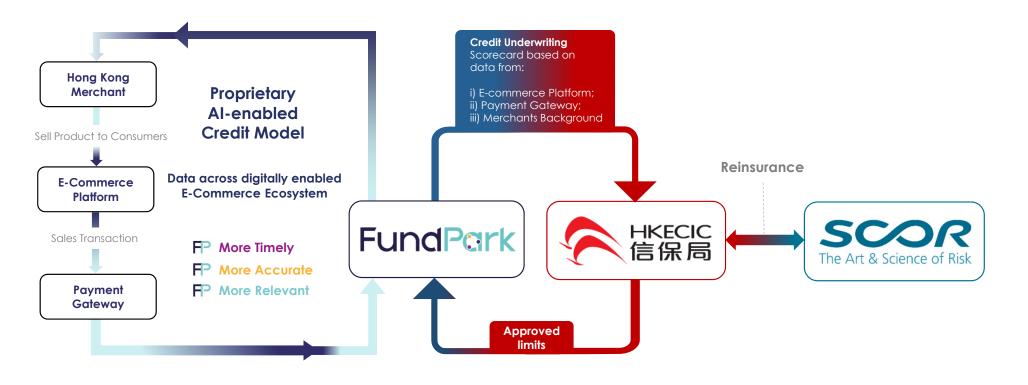
### **Elements for Risk Assessment**

	Traditional Assessment	Assessment based on Alternative Data
Country Risk	$\checkmark$	$\times$
Industry Risk	$\checkmark$	×
Company Background	$\checkmark$	✓
Transactional Data	$\times$	✓
Financial Statement*	~	$\times$
Guarantee / Collateral*	~	$\times$
Processing time	5 - 8 working days	1- 2 working days

\* Subject to availability



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### Benefits of SMEs & Export Communities





Support and empower HK SMEs

Reinforce HKECIC's commitment to HK SMEs, especially in helping them to **secure financing** and **expand their business** by leveraging our expertise in trade credit insurance, and our partnership with leading local FinTech company (FundPark) and reinsurance company (SCOR).



# Enhance trade financing opportunities

Support **industry players** and **financiers** to seize opportunities and **fill the market gap** in the trade financing segment.





# Forthcoming



As the member of E-commerce Development Task Force, HKECIC will continue...

#### Exploring different e-commerce platforms

Reach out to the market and explore the possibility to provide insurance solution to players in different e-commerce platforms to support cross-border e-commerce trade.

#### **Exploring Partnership Opportunities**

Explore the further collaboration with financial institutions in different ways to support cross-border e-commerce trade.

