

Token Listing and Delisting Rules

Gate.HK is committed to fostering a dynamic, secure, and inclusive trading environment. Our token listing and delisting rules are crafted with the utmost care to ensure transparency, fairness, integrity in all our operations, while strictly adhering to regulatory requirements and standards.

In this section, you will find comprehensive guidelines that govern the process of how tokens are evaluated for listing on our platform, as well as the criteria for their potential delisting. The decision to list or delist a token involves careful consideration of several factors, including but not limited to project quality, legal compliance, market demand, and technological security. Our aim is to provide our users with access to promising and compliant digital assets, while also safeguarding against risks associated with fraudulent activities, market manipulation, or regulatory non-compliance.

Listing Criteria

In order to list a token on Gate.HK, the following factors are taken into consideration:

- **Management or Development Team:** The background of the management or development team of a virtual asset, including any known key members, will be evaluated for their experience, expertise, and credibility.
- **Regulatory Status:** The regulatory status of a virtual asset in Hong Kong will be assessed, taking into account whether it would impose regulatory obligations on the Platform Operator.
- **Supply, Demand, Maturity, and Liquidity:** The supply, demand, maturity, and liquidity of a virtual asset will be considered, including its track record.
- **Technical Aspects:** The technical aspects of a virtual asset will be reviewed, including its underlying technology, security features, scalability, and interoperability.
- **Utilities and Developments:** The development progress and innovation potential of the virtual asset will be examined, assessing its unique use cases, technical advancements, and potential for market adoption.
- **Market and Governance Risks:** The market risks associated with the virtual asset, including volatility and liquidity risks, as well as governance risks, will be evaluated to ensure investor protection.
- **Legal Risks:** The legal risks associated with the virtual asset and its issuer will be assessed, considering factors such as compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and contractual obligations.

- **Fraudulent or Illegal Activities:** The utility, use cases, technical features, or administrative control of the virtual asset will be scrutinized to identify any indications of fraudulent or illegal activities. Tokens heavily reliant on continuous inflows without clear viability may raise concerns.
- **Extraneous Rights and Impact on Underlying Markets:** The enforceability of any rights linked to the virtual asset, such as rights to underlying assets, will be considered, along with the potential impact of the token's trading activity on the underlying markets.
- **Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risks:** The potential risks associated with money laundering and terrorist financing related to the virtual asset will be carefully evaluated, ensuring compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist financing (CTF) measures.

Additional Listing Criteria for Tokens Available to Retail Clients

- **Security Definition:** The virtual asset does not fall within the definition of "securities" under the Securities and Futures Ordinance.
- **High Liquidity:** The virtual asset should possess high liquidity, enabling easy and efficient trading for retail investors. This ensures that investors have sufficient market depth and availability to buy or sell the token without significant price impact.

Delisting Criteria

Gate.HK may determine whether or not delisting a virtual asset is required to protect the interests of clients and the integrity of the market.

Deciding factors of delisting include but are not limited to any combination of listing criteria depicted above that the Gate.HK determines the token is no longer suitable for trading.

Prior notice of the delisting decision will be communicated through emails and announced on the Website to allow sufficient time for clients managing risks and exercising their rights to the delisting virtual asset.

However, depending on the nature of the scenario triggering the delisting, Gate.HK may determine if it is of the best interests of the clients and the integrity of the market to delist a virtual asset immediately following a normal trading period, a trading halt, a suspension, or a restricted trading arrangement.

Gate.HK may determine the suitable delisting arrangement on a case-by-case basis depending on the circumstances and/or the reason for the delisting.

Such arrangements include but not limited to:

- Discretion to offer one-off conversion of delisted tokens to fiat currency in a grace period (where administrative fee may be applied),
- Extended period of withdrawal-only for delisted tokens (where administrative fee may be applied for the custodial services during the extended period), and/or
- Escheatment.

Trading Halt, Suspension and Other Special Trading Arrangements

Trading Halt

Gate.HK may determine whether or not a trading halt is required to protect the interests of clients and the integrity of the market. The trading halt of any virtual asset can happen any time of the day which typically will not last longer than ONE day, or 24 hours.

Deciding factors of trading halt include but are not limited to:

- Significant congestion or performance issues of the underlying blockchain network, resulting in delayed transactions or network instability;
- Sudden and severe price decline or extreme market volatility, commonly referred to as a flash crash;
- Adverse market events include market manipulation, pump-and-dump schemes, or sudden news announcements that could lead to market disorder or unfair trading practices;
- Evidence of security breach or suspected compromise of a token's underlying technology, smart contracts, or associated infrastructure; and/or
- Any combination of listing criteria depicted above that the Gate.HK determines that the token is longer suitable for trading.

Suspension

Gate.HK may determine whether or not a suspension of trading is required to protect the interests of clients and the integrity of the market. The trading suspension of any virtual asset can happen any time of the day but most typically follows a trading halt, lasting at least ONE day but no longer than ONE month.

Deciding factors of trading suspension include but are not limited to:

- Any prolonged occurrence of the same event which triggered a trading halt;
- Any concern raised or warning issued by regulatory authorities about a specific token or its issuer;
- Any token upgrade, blockchain migration, token swap that requires technical adjustments; and/or
- Any combination of listing criteria depicted above that the Gate.HK determines that the token is longer suitable for trading.

Restricted Trading Arrangement

Gate.HK may determine whether or not providing a restricted trading arrangement of a virtual asset is required to protect the interests of clients and the integrity of the market. Gate.HK may also determine what kind of restricted trading arrangement is most suitable for the situation. For example, restricting clients to the selling of their positions only, or withdrawal of their positions only.

Continuous Reviews

In addition to our initial listing criteria, Gate.HK conducts regular periodic reviews, as well as event-driven assessments, to ensure that all listed tokens continue to meet our high standards for safety, compliance, and market integrity. These reviews are crucial for determining whether a token remains suitable for listing on our platform.

Notifications

Gate.HK is committed to maintaining the highest levels of transparency and communication with our clients regarding our trading operations. We ensure timely notifications prior to important events such as listing, delisting, trading halts, suspensions, and restricted trading arrangements through emails, our website, mobile app notifications, and/or social media.

However, due to the nature of these market events, a prior notice of such decisions may not always be possible. In these extreme cases, communications will be made as soon as reasonably practicable, and Gate.HK will take reasonable steps and appropriate actions to protect the interests of token holders, clients, and market participants.

Conflicts of Interests

Gate.HK is not a promoter or sponsor of any virtual assets listed and does not engage in proprietary trading or investment in such assets, except for the purpose of facilitating and matching clients' trades. This principle guides our approach to listing and ensures that our decisions are made with the best interests of our clients in mind.

Gate.HK may be compensated with administration fees for request-for-listing virtual assets, but will only receive a one-off, flat rate amount in fiat currency. Such compensation must not in any way, shape or form directly or indirectly linked to the success of listing such virtual asset. Wherever there are any such arrangements in place, Gate.HK will ensure that appropriate disclosures are made to the clients.

Appropriate embargo procedures and periods are in place to ensure employees who are involved in the decision-making process of listing or delisting a token are prohibited from dealing with said token.

Issuers, senior management, and employees are prohibited from dealing with listed tokens if they possess any material non-public information until it is made public.