# Rules of Procedures of the Consumer Rights Protection Committee under the Board of Directors of China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited (Version 2.0, 2024) (The Rules of Procedures has been deliberated and approved at the fourth meeting of the Seven Board of Directors)

# **Chapter 1 General Provisions**

**Article 1** To enhance the consumer protection of China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited (the "Bank") and improve the corporate governance structure of the Bank, the Bank hereby establishes the Consumer Rights Protection Committee under the Board of Directors ("the Committee") and formulates these Rules of Procedures in accordance with the *Company Law of the People's Republic of China*, the *Code of Corporate Governance for Banking and Insurance Institutions*, the *Guiding Opinions of the General Office of the State Council on Strengthening the Protection of Financial Consumers*, the *Measures for the Administration of Consumer Rights and Interests Protection of Consumer Rights Protection Policies and Mechanisms in Banking and Insurance Institutions*, the *Measures for Regulatory Evaluation of Consumer Protection in Banking and Insurance Institutions*, the *Articles of Association of China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited* (the "Bank's Articles of Association"), the *Rules of Procedures of the Board of Directors of China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited*, relevant provisions of the securities regulators of the places where the Bank's shares are listed, and other relevant rules and regulations.

Article 2 The Committee is a specialized body established under the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bank's Articles of Association, and shall, within its responsibilities, assist the Board of Directors in relevant work, and perform its duties according to the Articles of Association and the authorization of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall be accountable to the Board of Directors.

#### **Chapter 2 Responsibilities of the Committee**

Article 3 The main responsibilities of the Committee shall include the following:

 to be responsible to the Board of Directors, submit reports on consumer protection and annual reports to the Board of Directors, carry out relevant work under the authorization of the Board of Directors, discuss and decide on relevant matters, and study major issues and important policies on consumer protection;

- (2) to formulate strategies, policies and objectives for consumer protection of the Bank, guide and supervise the development and improvement of the system for consumer protection management policies, and ensure that the provisions of the relevant policies and regulations are in line with the Bank's corporate governance, corporate culture and business development strategies;
- (3) to monitor the comprehensiveness, timeliness and effectiveness of the work carried out by the senior management and the consumer protection department in accordance with the regulatory requirements and the implementation of the Bank's consumer protection strategies, policies and objectives as well as the relevant work progress, and urge the senior management and the consumer protection department to effectively carry out the work relating to consumer protection;
- (4) to convene meetings of the Consumer Rights Protection Committee on a regular basis to review the work reports of the senior management and the consumer protection department, study the annual audit reports, regulatory circulars and internal assessment results relating to consumer protection, and urge the senior management and relevant departments to implement the remediation of the problems identified in a timely manner;
- (5) other matters as prescribed by relevant laws, regulations and regulatory rules, or as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Article 4 The Committee may investigate the Bank's consumer protection issues, and the means of such investigation or review shall include but are not limited to the following: attending relevant meetings of the Bank as observers or as non-voting delegates, conducting investigations and researches within the Bank's systems, and requiring senior management members or relevant responsible personnel to make oral or written explanations to the Committee within the prescribed time lines.

The Committee shall study existing problems and responses of the senior management members or relevant responsible personnel, and shall report the investigation results and make improvement recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The Committee members shall pay continuous attention to the relevant matters within the scope of duties of the Committee and promptly provide professional opinions for the Committee's concern or review. The chairperson of the Committee shall organize and convene meetings of the Committee in a timely manner and form a collective opinion for submission to the Board of Directors.

# **Chapter 3 Composition of the Committee**

Article 5 The Committee shall consist of at least three Directors and shall have a chairperson. Members of the Committee shall possess qualifications prescribed by relevant laws, regulations, regulatory rules, and requirements of the securities regulators of the places where the Bank's shares are listed.

Article 6 The members and chairperson of the Committee shall be nominated by the chairperson of the Board of Directors, more than half of the independent directors, or one third of all the directors, and submitted to the Board of Directors for review and approval.

Article 7 Members of the Committee shall attend meetings of the Committee as required and shall express their viewpoints and exercise their voting right regarding matters discussed at the meetings. Such members shall perform their duties with adequate time and energy and shall develop a good understanding of the Bank's operation and management, risk profile, business activities and development profile in relation to their due diligence to ensure competence for duty performance.

Members of the Committee may propose topics for discussion at a Committee meeting. To perform their duties, such members may attend relevant meetings of the Bank as observers or as non-voting delegates, conduct investigations and researches, and access reports, documents and information required for their work.

Article 8 The chairperson of the Committee shall lead the Committee's work, including presiding over Committee meetings, proposing the convening of extraordinary meetings, finalizing the agenda of each Committee meeting, and signing off meeting resolutions, etc.

The chairperson shall make sure that all members attending a Committee meeting are informed of the matters to be deliberated at the meeting and have access to complete and reliable information, and shall ensure that each proposal discussed by the Committee comes to a clear conclusion, which means adoption, rejection, or reconsideration of the proposal after supplementation of further information.

Article 9 A Committee member shall serve the same term of office as that of a Director, and may be reelected for another term upon expiry of the existing term of office.

If a Committee member ceases to be a Director of the Bank, his/her membership of the Committee shall automatically terminate, and the Board of Directors shall timely elect a new member to fill the vacancy and as such ensure compliance of the Committee composition. The term of office of the new member so elected shall terminate upon the expiry of his/her term of office as a Director of the Bank.

Article 10 The Committee shall establish under it a supporting group to render professional support to the day-to-day operation, compliance and duty performance of the Committee.

Article 11 The supporting group shall perform the following functions: to prepare annual work plans of the Committee, submit them to the Committee for deliberation and adoption, and file them with the Board of Directors; to assist the Committee in the implementation of its annual work plans and matters assigned by the Committee; to prepare the annual report on duty performance of the Committee, submit it to the Committee for deliberation and file it with the Board of Directors; and to take care of other matters assigned by the Committee. The supporting group shall report its work to the Committee and file it with the Board of Directors.

**Article 12** Member units of the supporting group shall include the Office of the Board of Directors, the Retail Finance Department (Consumer Rights Protection Office), the Private Banking Department, the Personal Loan Department, the Wealth Management Department, the Credit Card Center, the Operation Management Department, the Information Technology Management Department, the Corporate Finance Department, the Compliance Department, the Risk Management Department and the Asset Management Business Center of the Head Office. Each member unit of the supporting group shall assign a departmental head, a division chief and a backbone professional to be members of the group.

Other departments at the Head Office of the Bank shall render support to the operation of the Committee in accordance with actual work needs of the Committee and in coordination with the supporting group.

**Article 13** The supporting group shall be led by the Office of the Board of Directors and the Retail Finance Department (Consumer Rights Protection Office). The Office of the Board of Directors shall be responsible for communication and coordination between the supporting group and the Committee and other specialized committees of the Board and for organizing meetings of the Committee plus follow-up implementation of matters assigned by the Committee. Together with the member units of the supporting group and other relevant departments of the Head Office, the Retail Finance Department (Consumer Rights Protection Office) shall be responsible for rendering professional support to the operation of the Committee in accordance with regulatory provisions and the Committee's requirements for performance of its duties.

Article 14 The supporting group shall, as required by its work, determine specific matters such as its work flows and report them to the Committee for deliberation and approval.

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Article 15 The Committee shall formulate annual work plans to plan for its meetings, investigations and researches, and routine information reporting by the senior management.

Article 16 The Committee shall convene no fewer than two meetings per annum, which may take the forms of onsite meeting (including video conference and conference call) and written circulation (resolutions on proposals are made by delivering or circulating the proposals respectively for review and discussion).

Article 17 The Committee's procedures for convening of meetings, methods of voting and adoption of proposals at its meetings shall comply with requirements of relevant laws and regulations, regulatory rules, requirements of the securities regulators of the places where the Bank's shares are listed and provisions of the Bank's Articles of Association.

**Article 18** The Board of Directors, the chairperson of the Board of Directors, the chairperson of the Committee or a majority of all the Committee members shall have the right to propose the convening of a Committee meeting. The Committee meeting shall only be held with the attendance of no less than half of all the Committee members.

Article 19 The notice of a Committee meeting shall be delivered seven days prior to the meeting. Such requirement on the notice timeline, however, may be exempted upon unanimous consent of all the Committee members. The chairperson of the Committee shall preside over the meeting, and may, when unable to perform such duty, entrust a Committee member to do the presiding on his/her behalf.

The meeting notice shall specify the following: time, venue and form of the meeting; agenda and matters to be considered at the meeting and other relevant details; and the date of delivering the notice.

The meeting notice shall be delivered by courier, facsimile, registered mail, email or other ways specified in the Bank's Articles of Association.

The meeting notice shall be kept as an important document of the Bank for at least 10 years.

**Article 20** Members of the Committee shall attend the Committee meetings in person. When unable to perform such duty, a Committee member may, in writing, entrust another Committee member to attend as proxy. The letter of authorization shall specify the name of the agent, the matters entrusted, and the scope and duration of authorization, and the principal shall sign his/her name or affix his/her stamp on the letter. If an independent director is unable to attend the meeting in person for any reason, he/she shall review the

meeting materials in advance, form a clear opinion, and appoint in written another independent director to attend the meeting on his/her behalf.

A Committee member may not authorize anyone other than a Committee member as proxy unless otherwise provided in relevant laws and regulations, the Bank's Articles of Association, or agreements that are binding on the Bank.

The Committee shall invite supervisors to attend its meetings as non-voting delegates and may, where necessary, invite persons other than Committee members, such as other directors and senior management members, to attend its meetings as non-voting delegates.

**Article 21** If a member of the Committee participates in an onsite meeting (including video conference and conference call) of the Committee through telephone or similar communication equipment, as long as he/she can make himself/herself heard by the other participants at the meeting and can communicate with them instantly, all the participating members shall be deemed to be present at the meeting in person. An onsite meeting of the Committee shall be tape or video recorded. Voting at an onsite meeting of the Committee shall be made by a show of hands or by poll.

If a member of the Committee participates in an onsite meeting of the Committee through telephone or similar communication equipment, his/her oral voting opinion expressed via such device shall be deemed valid. However, he/she shall sign the written voting document and deliver the original to the Bank after the meeting as soon as practicably possible. The oral vote and the subsequently signed written document shall have the same effect. In case of any discrepancy between the two, the oral opinion shall prevail. If voting is conducted by poll, the Committee member may vote via facsimile or e-mail and shall deliver the original of the signed voting document to the Bank after the meeting as soon as practicably possible.

Article 22 For voting via written circulation (resolutions on proposals are made by delivering or circulating the proposals respectively for review and discussion), the Committee shall service each of its members a meeting notice and information about the proposal to be voted on. Such member shall send back his/ her viewpoints about the proposal within the time frame prescribed by the meeting notice for timely study and feedback by relevant departments of the Bank.

Such member shall sign his/her voting opinion ("for", "against" or "abstain") and send back the signed voting document within the time frame prescribed by the meeting notice. Members failing to do so shall be deemed to have abstained from voting on such proposal.

Article 23 Each Committee member shall have one vote. Resolutions of the Committee shall be adopted by a majority of all the Committee members. When the numbers of votes against and in favor of a certain proposal are equal, the chairperson of the Committee shall have a casting vote.

Article 24 The Committee shall produce minutes of its meetings. Minutes takers shall be persons specially designated by the Office of the Board of Directors. The opinion of the independent directors shall be set out in the minutes of the meeting. The written minutes shall be delivered to participating Committee members for review within seven working days as of the conclusion of the meetings. The participating members and minutes takers shall sign their names on the finalized minutes.

The minutes shall be kept as important documentation of the Bank by the secretary of the Board of Directors according to the Bank's regulations on archive management.

Article 25 The proposals adopted at a Committee meeting and intended for consideration of the Board of Directors shall be promptly reported to the Board of Directors along with their voting results.

Article 26 During the adjournment of a Committee meeting, if there is a significant or special matter requiring consideration of the Board of Directors, the Committee shall report it to the Board of Directors in writing, and may suggest that the chairperson of the Board of Directors convene a Board meeting.

Article 27 Members of the Committee may carry out investigations and researches in combination with requirements of their duty performance, to which the supporting group shall render professional support. After completion of such investigation and research, reports shall be prepared, submitted to the chairperson of the Committee and chairperson of the Board of Directors for review, and filed with the Board of Directors.

The Committee shall ensure cost-effectiveness and good practical results of such investigations and researches in line with relevant regulations of the Bank.

Article 28 The Committee may regularly communicate with the senior management and relevant departments of the Bank regarding the Bank's consumer rights protection, attend special briefings on a regular basis, and put forward relevant comments and recommendations.

The senior management of the Bank shall vigorously support the Committee in its work, designate a specialized department to take the lead in planning, guiding and managing consumer protection across the Bank, and ensure prompt provision of accurate and complete information to meet the Committee's requirements for duty performance.

Article 29 The Committee may, in line with its actual needs, engage external experts or intermediaries to provide professional consulting services. Such engagement shall complete the submission and approval formalities and shall be filed with the Board of Directors in accordance with relevant regulations of the Bank.

#### **Chapter 5 Supplementary Provisions**

Article 30 Unless otherwise explained, the terms used in these Rules of Procedures shall have the same meanings as those used in the Bank's Articles of Association.

Article 31 The Rules of Procedures shall enter into force on the date of review and approval by the Board of Directors, and shall prevail in case of any inconsistency between the regulations of the Rules of Procedures and the rules previously in force.

Article 32 Any matter not covered by these Rules of Procedures shall be handled in accordance with applicable PRC laws and regulations, regulatory rules, requirements of the securities regulators of the places where the Bank's shares are listed and provisions of the Bank's Articles of Association.

Article 33 If any of these Rules of Procedures conflicts with any PRC laws, regulations, regulatory rules, or the Bank's duly amended Articles of Association, the applicable PRC laws, regulations, regulatory rules, requirements of the securities regulators of the places where the Bank's shares are listed, and the duly amended Bank's Articles of Association shall prevail.

Article 34 The Board of Directors of the Bank shall have the right to amend and interpret these Rules of Procedures.