

Media Release:

Certain National Scale Ratings Placed Under Criteria Observation Following Criteria Update

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On June 8, 2023, S&P Global Ratings released its updated "National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings Methodology", which Taiwan Ratings Corp. (TRC) uses for determining national and regional scale mapping specifications and assigning credit ratings mapped from global to TRC scale. National and regional scale ratings express our opinion of an issuer's or debt instrument's creditworthiness relative to other issuers and issues in a given country or region. Taiwan Ratings' credit ratings use S&P Global Ratings global credit rating symbols with the addition of a 'tw' prefix to denote Taiwan. At the same time, we retired "TRC Financial Services Issue Credit Rating Criteria", given we will now assign the TRC scale issue rating for the financial services sector based on "National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings Methodology."

Taiwan Ratings Corp. today also placed its ratings on several TRC scale ratings under criteria observation (UCO; see list of issuances below). The UCO placement follows the publication of our revised criteria for determining national and regional scale mapping specifications and assigning credit ratings mapped from global to national scale (see "National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings Methodology"). The ratings on the debt issues listed below are under criteria observation.

These ratings have the "UCO" label in the Regulatory Identifier column on the individual issue pages of TRC's online credit rating products.

We will keep the UCO identifier in place until the conclusion of the review under the revised criteria, at which time we may affirm or change the ratings or place them on CreditWatch. The UCO identifier does not modify any rating definition, nor is it equivalent to a CreditWatch placement.

We expect to review the ratings identified as UCO no later than six months from the effective date of the revised criteria.

Issuers With Issue Ratings Placed Under Criteria Observation

Taiwan National Scale

- Agricultural Bank of Taiwan*
- Bank of Taiwan*

*UCO identifiers assigned only to instruments that we view as hybrids, which include junior subordinated, preference share, subordinated, and senior subordinated instruments.

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