

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form F-N  
August 04, 2014

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM F-N**

**APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS  
BY FOREIGN BANKS AND FOREIGN INSURANCE  
COMPANIES AND CERTAIN OF THEIR HOLDING COMPANIES  
AND FINANCE SUBSIDIARIES MAKING PUBLIC OFFERINGS  
OF SECURITIES IN THE UNITED STATES**

A.

Name of issuer or person filing ("Filer"): HSBC Holdings plc

B.

This is:

an original filing for the Filer

an amended filing for the Filer

C.

Identify the filing in conjunction with which this Form is being filed:

Name of registrants: HSBC Holdings plc

Form type: Form S-8

File Number (if known): 333-197839

Filed by: HSBC Holdings plc

Date Filed (if filed concurrently, so indicate): August 4, 2014 (filed concurrently).

D.

The Filer is incorporated or organized under the laws of England and Wales and has its principal place of business at 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England (telephone: +44-20-7991-8888).

E.

The Filer designates and appoints HSBC North America Holdings Inc. ("Agent") located at 452 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018 (telephone: +1-212-525-5000) as the agent of the Filer upon whom may be served any process, pleadings, subpoenas, or other papers in:

- (a) any investigation or administrative proceeding conducted by the Commission, and any civil suit or action brought against the Filer or to which the Filer has been joined as defendant or respondent, in
- (b) any appropriate court in any place subject to the jurisdiction of any state or of the United States or any of its territories or possessions or of the District of Columbia,

arising out of or based on any offering made or purported to be made in connection with the securities registered by the Filer on Form S-8 filed on August 4, 2014 or any purchases or sales of any security in connection therewith. The Filer stipulates and agrees that

any such civil suit or action or administrative proceeding may be commenced by the service of process upon, and that service of an administrative subpoena shall be effected by service upon, such agent for service of process, and that the service as aforesaid shall be taken and held in all courts and administrative tribunals to be valid and binding as if personal service thereof had been made.

F.

Each person filing this Form stipulates and agrees to appoint a successor agent for service of process and file an amended Form F-N if the Filer discharges the Agent or the Agent is unwilling or unable to accept service on behalf of the Filer at any time until six years have elapsed from the date of the Filer's last registration statement or report, or amendment to any such registration statement or report, filed with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 or Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Filer further undertakes to advise the Commission promptly of any change to the Agent's name or address during the applicable period by amendment of this Form referencing the file number of the relevant registration form in conjunction with which the amendment is being filed.

G.

Each person filing this Form undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to the securities registered pursuant to the form referenced in paragraph E or transactions in said securities.

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The Filer certifies that it has duly caused this power of attorney, consent, stipulation and agreement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Hong Kong in the Country of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

Filer: HSBC Holdings plc

By: /s/ Iain Mackay

Name: Iain Mackay  
Title: Group Finance Director

This statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Agent: HSBC North America Holdings Inc.

By: /s/ Stuart A. Alderoty

Name: Stuart A. Alderoty  
Title: Authorized Representative in the United States  
Date: August 4, 2014