

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March

HSBC Holdings plc

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Yes  No

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PUBLICATION OF BASE PROSPECTUS

The following base prospectus and registration document have been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority and are available for viewing:

Base Prospectus dated 28 March 2019 for the HSBC Holdings plc Debt Issuance Programme

Registration Document dated 28 March 2019 in respect of HSBC Holdings plc

To view the full documents, please paste the following URL into the address bar of your browser.

<http://www.hsbc.com/investors/fixed-income-investors/issuance-programmes>

A copy of each of the above documents has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at: <http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM>

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HSBC Holdings plc

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

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Name: Ben J S Mathews

Title: Group Company Secretary

Date: 29 March 2019