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Secretary for the Environment and Food
(Attn : Mr David LAU)
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Dear Mr LAU,

**Bills Committee on
Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2001**

Meeting on 6 July 2001

On behalf of Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, Chairman of the Bills Committee, I write to invite representatives of the Administration to the next meeting of the Bills Committee scheduled for **Friday, 6 July 2001 at 8:30 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

At the meeting held on 15 June 2001, members requested the Administration to re-consider the proposal of providing a simple, fast and cheap mechanism which can easily be activated by the aggrieved parties, in respect of the issue of closure orders by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene under the proposed section 128C, to have their case heard by the magistrate within a short time. Members consider that the mechanism should be clearly provided in the Bill, and that the Judiciary Administrator should be requested to advise whether such hearings can be arranged urgently in these cases.

In this connection, I should be grateful if the Administration could provide a bilingual response, **on or before 3 July 2001**, for members'

consideration. Please also coordinate the attendance of the Administration and the Judiciary Administrator and provide me with the attendance list **on 3 July 2001**.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Constance LI)
Clerk to Bills Committee

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