

19 June 2003

Clerk to Bills Committee  
(Attn: Mr Tsang, Siu Cheung)  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
3rd floor Citibank Tower  
3 Garden Road  
Central  
Hong Kong

Dear Mr Tsang,

Re: Bills Committee on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001  
and Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003

Thank you for your letter dated 22 May 2003 regarding the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003, which seeks to make permanent the suspension arrangements under the Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Ordinance 2001 and to make other amendments to the Copyright Ordinance (Cap.528).

The Academy supports the recommendations and amendments proposed in the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003, especially the removal of end-user's civil and criminal liabilities in relation to parallel importation. This amendment would enable educational institutions to acquire foreign copyright materials faster from overseas for teaching and study purposes. It would also help to balance the interests of copyright owners and the rights of end users of copyright materials.

Please find enclosed a completed reply slip as requested.

Yours Sincerely,

Professor Lo King-man  
Director

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