



香港工業總會 Federation of Hong Kong Industries

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Mr S C Tsang
Clerk to the Bills Committee on the
Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001 and
Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Hong Kong

Dear Mr Tsang,

Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003

Thank you for your letter of 22 May 2003 inviting our views on the above Bill.

The Federation supports the proposed amendments to make permanent the suspension arrangements under the Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Ordinance 2001. We believe that the amendments can balance the need for speedy flow of information inside public and private organisations and combating piracy in copyright products in Hong Kong.

Regarding the parallel importation of copyright works, we agree to the proposed removal of the criminal and civil liability of end users. We are hopeful that by this removal, it would help increase market competition and lower the price of software products in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. The Hon. Kenneth Ting