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Mr S C Tsang
Bills Committee on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001
Legislative Council Bldg
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By fax: 2869 6794 & mail

Dear Mr Tsang

COPYRIGHT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2001

Thank you for your letter dated 16 July 2002 inviting our Association to comment on the captioned subject.

Our Association supports in principal the proposal in the bill to remove the civil and criminal liabilities related to parallel importation of and subsequent dealings in computer software under the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528). This will encourage more competition and breakdown any trade barriers and therefore premium pricing that might have existed would equal out. The benefit is probably greater for small local businesses. We support the bill as it enhances free trade and therefore drives I.T. companies to think more internationally.

I hope the above comments will be useful in assisting the Government's review on the subject.

In the meantime, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 2866 8311.

Yours sincerely,

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