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To: Members of the LegCo Smoking Ordinance Bills Committee

## Re: Defining “indoor”

Dear Hon. Members,

You have heard that it would take tornado force winds to reduce the pollution from tobacco smoke inside a building to safe levels. Yet, outside a building under a roof or cover, tobacco smoke may still be hazardous to health.

To prevent arguments and any legal challenges to loopholes in the definition of “indoor” we propose a quantifiable definition, that is not open to interpretation:

### 4. Interpretation

“indoor” (..) means—

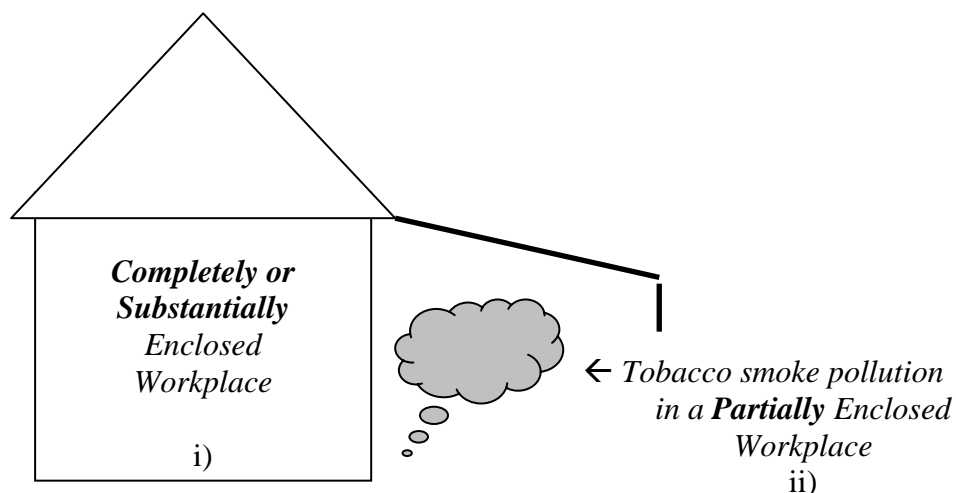
- a) having a ceiling or roof, or a cover that functions (whether temporarily or permanently) as a ceiling or roof; and
- b)
  - i) completely or substantially enclosed (whether temporarily or permanently), except for any window or door, or any closeable opening that functions as a window or door; **or**
  - ii) ***partially enclosed or unenclosed; and***

***NOT certified under the Hong Kong Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme during normal operations when tobacco smoke is present.***

This definition meets both the letter and the spirit of the proposed amendment.

Regards,

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