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Clerk to Panel  
Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
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3 Garden Road Central  
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(Attn.: Mrs Constance LI)

Dear Mrs Li

**LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene – New Food Business Licensing Procedures**

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 2006 inviting us to put forth our views on the captioned subject and to attend the special meeting on 7 July 2006.

In general, the Institution has no major adverse comments on the changes made to food business licensing procedures. However, concern has been raised about tolerance of the unauthorised building works (UBWs) stated in the LegCo paper "Changes to Food Business Licensing Procedures". We note that the UBWs of existing premises are required to be removed only upon transfer of licenses and opine that it is also important that they must be certified to be in safe condition at renewal of licenses. To ensure that the UBWs do not cause danger to occupants or the public we suggest that Authorised Persons / Registered Structured Engineers should be appointed at the time of renewal of licenses to certify that such existing UBWs are safe and any necessary repair works have been properly carried out.

Please also be informed that the HKIE will not have any representative to attend the meeting.

Yours sincerely

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President