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Legislative Council Secretariat
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(Attn.: Miss Becky Yu)

Dear Madam,

Re: Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation

I refer to your letter of 19th January 2007.

The Administration undertakes to

- (a) consult the relevant trades, after the passage of the captioned Regulation, on the need for and feasibility of imposing liability on retailers, who knowingly sell regulated products exceeding the prescribed VOC limits; and
- (b) publish any alternative methods for determining the VOC contents of regulated paints on the official website for public reference.

In relation to section 20, the Administration proposes to revise it as –

“This Regulation does not apply to goods in transit, a regulated product in the course of transshipment or a regulated product that is solely for export or re-export.”

The Administration considers the reporting requirement under section 11 to be necessary and appropriate. As explained at last meeting, similar requirement is made for many products or processes with environmental impacts. In those instances, additional mandatory licensing or registration is often required. We have already removed such licensing or registration requirement, in light of the concerns of trades. The current proposal has been agreed with the trades.

Yours faithfully,

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