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Dear Mr TSO,

## Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Port Area (Permission to Enter) Notice (L.N. 75 of 2007)

Thank you for your letter of 18.5.2007 in which you note that the words "for the purpose of" are used in column 2 of item 5 of the Schedule to the Notice and the words "for the sole purpose of" are used in column 2 of items 2 to 4 of the Schedule to the Notice. You would like to know the reason for the difference.

Item 5 of the Schedule describes persons who have entered Hong Kong and already boarded on specified public transport heading for Hong Kong. Drivers for such specified public transport are required to drive their vehicles from the Clearance Area to the Ha Tsuen Interchange direct under items 2 and 3 of the Schedule to the Notice. Persons who have already boarded these public transport are, therefore, left with no rooms to maneuver inside the Closed Area. We consider that it is not necessary for qualifying their traveling on such vehicles are for the sole purpose of leaving the Closed Area.

On the other hand, items 2 to 4 describe, amongst others, persons who are physically within the Closed Area, either leaving or entering Hong Kong via the control point. They may have already gotten off (in case of leaving Hong Kong) or have yet to get on (in case of entering Hong Kong) the specified public transport. We see the need to specify leaving or entering Hong Kong as their sole purpose to avoid their unnecessary staying inside the Closed Area for other purposes.

I hope the above helps clear your queries.

Yours sincerely,

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