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(Attn: Miss Vega Wong,  
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Dear Madam,

**Draft Rules of the High Court (Amendments) 2008**

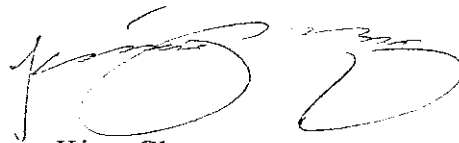
You may recall that views were exchanged between the Administration and the Subcommittee on Draft Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Civil Justice Reform about the commencement date of the proposed Rules of the High Court (Amendments) 2008 ("the Rules") at the meeting held on 8 April 2008.

Rule 1 of the Rules (draft) seeks to provide that "these Rules shall come into operation on the day appointed for the commencement of the Civil Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2008". Is it correct to say that for the purpose of the commencement of the Rules, there will not be a separate commencement notice in the form of a subsidiary legislation? If this is the case, will there be any reference to the commencement of the Rules in the Enactment History section of the Check List and Instructions in the Loose-leaf Edition of the Laws of Hong Kong?

I wonder if you would, for the ease of reference, consider revise the Rules (draft) to give a separate commencement notice provision to the Rules in the form of a usual subsidiary legislation? Such a commencement notice may appoint the same date on which the Civil Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2008 comes into operation.

Please let me have your reply in bilingual form before 16 April 2008.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kitty Cheng', written in a cursive style.

Kitty Cheng

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