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Dear Ms Yue,

Panel on Commerce and Industry
Follow-up to the meeting on 21 July 2009

When discussing the further development of wine-related businesses in Hong Kong at the Panel meeting on 21 July 2009 (ref : CB(1)2283/08-09(05)), the Administration was requested to explore the possibility of further relaxing and streamlining the relevant rules and procedures governing the conversion of factory building units to allow the operation of restaurants beside wine storage facilities in such buildings.

The Chief Executive has announced in his 2009-10 Policy Address new measures to optimise the use of old industrial buildings through encouraging redevelopment and wholesale conversion of vacant or under-utilised industrial buildings. These new policy initiatives, to be effective from 1 April 2010 for three years, will facilitate the development of the wine-related sectors, including restaurants, by supplying more premises and allowing a wider range of wine-related businesses in redeveloped or wholly converted buildings.

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The Development Bureau briefed the Panel on Development on the new measures on 27 October 2009. The relevance of the new measures to the wine-related businesses such as restaurants was also thoroughly discussed at the Food Business Task Force under the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee, chaired by the Hon Tommy Cheung, on 29 January 2010.

We wish to report the above follow-up actions for the reference of the members of the Panel on Commerce and Industry. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

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