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Dear Sir,

We write to suggest that Hong Kong Trade Development Council (“TDC”) should be exempted from the “Competition Bill”.

TDC is a statutory body which has a duty to promote trade for Hong Kong. It is partially subverted through a Trade Declaration Charge on exports and imports. And therefore, the council is a non-profit making body.

The services of the TDC include working together with various industries to promote their business in Hong Kong and overseas, especially in China, running exhibitions, trade fairs, study missions, seminars, conducting market researches and collecting market and economic data etc.

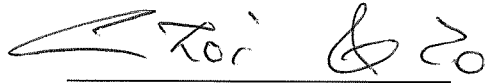
We consider that the above services provided by TDC are very complete. It is quite difficult for a private enterprise to provide similar services at such a high level of quality.

The mission of the TDC is to assist Hong Kong industries to grow so as to strengthen local economy. So we think that the TDC’s mission and services are similar to those of Ministry of Commerce in China. The Ministry is also a non-profit making organization and run by the Chinese Government. Actually, TDC always works with the Ministry to promote the Hong Kong industries in China.

In conclusion, TDC is a non-profit making organization. So we hope your office could consider to exempt TDC from the “Competition Bill”.

Thanks for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Choi, Lo & Co.", written over a horizontal line.

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