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Dear Mr To,

**Building (Construction) (Amendment) Regulation 2011
(L.N. 3 of 2011)**

I refer to the Building (Construction) (Amendment) Regulation 2011, and would be grateful if you could clarify the following matters.

A. New Table 1

- (a) Please explain why the total load in kN to be applied on beams uniformly distributed over span as shown in the existing Table 1 under regulation 17 of the Building (Construction) Regulations (Cap. 123 sub. leg. B) is removed from the new Table 1.
- (b) According to paragraph 5(iii) of the LegCo Brief, the reduction in the existing minimum imposed load requirements for uses such as domestic use, restaurants, car parking areas will help ensure building safety. Please explain how and why such reduction will contribute to the safety of buildings used for the above purposes.

B. New regulation 17(4)

It is noted that while the existing regulation 17(4) specifies different methods for calculating the impact force on vehicle barriers for car parks, access ramps of car parks, straight ramps intended for downward travel which exceeds 20m in length and vehicle barriers in other areas, the new regulation 17(4) provides for a standard calculation method for vehicle barriers for carriageways, floor, driveways and ramps used by vehicles. What is the reason for adopting a different approach in new regulation 17(4)?

Your reply in bilingual form before 21 January 2011 would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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