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Dear Miss Chan,

**Bill Committee on
Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) Bill 1999
*Third meeting on 23 September 1999***

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 1999.

Regarding the Hong Kong Cargo-Vessel Traders' Association's submission on the Bill, we would like to respond as follows –

- (a) The proposed increase of penalty charges in the Bill aims to enhance the deterrent effects so as to minimise the number of marine industrial accidents. The proposed increase will be implemented after the codes of practice are put in place.
- (b) We shall consult the Association and the industry in formulating the codes of practice.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Economic Services

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