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(Letterhead of the Hong Kong Small and Medium Business Association)

1. As the number of industrial accidents involved in the **Construction Industry** is relatively high, we support the amendments to the safety legislation;
2. As most **manufacturing industries** in Hong Kong which involve a higher level of risk have recently moved out, the remaining ones are predominantly low-risk industries; we, therefore, do not support the proposal of including the manufacturing industries in the proposed amendments. The only industry which requires further control is the construction industry. Should the Government enforce the safety legislation on the manufacturing industries, it will only impose an extra burden on local employers, thus discouraging foreign or local investors from investing in manufacturing industries. It should be adequate for employers and employees in the manufacturing industries to adopt a self-regulation approach in complying with the existing legislation.