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**Letterhead of ESTATE DOCTORS ASSOCIATION LTD.**

Our ref.: EDA/245/99/O

Your ref.:

4th October, 1999

Dr. the Hon. Leong Che Hung  
Room 510, Central Building  
Pedder Street  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Dr. Leong,

**Re: Factories and Industrial Undertakings**  
**(Medical Examinations) Regulation**

We refer to our letter of 27.9.1999 concerning the above subject.

According to the recommendation of the Expert Working Group on Occupational Health Services, general medical practitioners must complete training on Occupational Medicine, such as a training course on the subject recognized by the Hong Kong College of Community Medicine before they are qualified and allowed to carry out statutory medical examinations for the workers in hazardous occupations.

In our letter of 27.9.1999, we have stated the reason for our objection to the above recommendation. We would like to provide more information to support our objection. We enclose herewith a copy of the Government's Statement on Competition Policy dated May 1998 for your information. Your special attention is drawn to the following Clause 6(d):-

“unfair or discriminatory standards among members of a trade or professional body intended to deny newcomers a chance to enter or contest in the market, and have the effect of impairing economic efficiency or free trade.”

We are of the opinion that the above recommendation of the Expert Working Group on Occupational Health Services is unfair and discriminating and has denied the general medical practitioners a chance to carry out statutory medical examinations for the workers in hazardous occupation.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ho Ock Ling  
Hon. Secretary  
Estate Doctors Association

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