

**Letterhead of Satellite Television Rentals Ltd.**

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Dear Madam Li,

**Bills Committee on Broadcasting Bill.**

Further to my previous letter I wish to raise the matter of what is going to happen to all the "smuggled in" digital satellite receivers that are in fact licenced for domestic satellite services for addresses in Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan and Japan when in reality these decoders have been sold for astronomical sums to various establishments in Hong Kong. These include domestic households, restaurants and some of the well established Clubs in Hong Kong.

With regard to the established Clubs and the digital receivers brought in from the countries mentioned above there seems to be no provision in the proposed Ordinance to deal with them. The new law will not be retroactive and the proposed provisions only relate to sale, hire and import etc. The new proposals do not address in any detail what enforcement action will taken and now it will be taken by the relevant authority.

Is there any contemplation of including an **amnesty** in the new Bill so that holders/owners of digital satellite decoders can hand them in for disposal? It is very easy to detect who has probably installed a satellite system licenced for another country by looking at the satellite dish size and azimuth and elevation angles.

With regards to well established Clubs that have installed digital satellite reception equipment which is licenced elsewhere other than Hong Kong, I wish to make it clear that some of the Clubs are patronized by members of the Judiciary, the Hong Kong Police Force, senior members of Government and I dare say LegCo Members also. I could name several but without protection from public statements made before LegCo I shall sit on the information until the new Bill makes this matter more clear from a prosecution viewpoint.

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