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**Report of the Panel on Trade and Industry
on Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 1999**

The Panel on Trade and Industry received a briefing from the Administration on Organized and Serious Crime Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 1999 (the Order) at its meeting on 1 November 1999.

2. The Administration intends to amend Schedule 1 to the Organized and Serious Crime Ordinance so that the special investigation and enforcement powers available under the Ordinance can be used to deal with piracy and counterfeiting offences where organized crime may be involved.

3. At the Panel meeting, members made reference to a recent case of a fake authorization document found in a licensed optical disc factory and expressed concern over the possibility of holding innocent manufacturers responsible for producing pirated goods just because they were unable to detect a fake authorization document. In view of the impact of higher penalties against infringing activities under the proposal on the manufacturers, members considered that it was necessary to hear the views of the trade before the Order was considered.

4. After deliberation, members recommended that a subcommittee should be formed to study the Order in detail and views from the trade concerned should be collected before the Administration introduces the proposal into the Council for positive vetting.

5. Members are invited to support the recommendation of the Panel in the paragraph 4 above.