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**Paper for the House Committee Meeting
on 20 June 2003**

**Legal Service Division Report on
proposed resolution under section 3 of the
Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Ordinance 2001
(Cap. 568)**

The Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology has given notice to move a motion at the Legislative Council meeting to be held on 2 July 2003. The motion seeks the Legislative Council's approval of the Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Ordinance 2001 (Amendment) Notice 2003 (the Notice).

2. The purpose of this Notice is to amend the expiry date under section 3(1) of the Copyright (Suspension of Amendments) Ordinance 2001 (Cap. 568) (the Suspension Ordinance) from 31 July 2003 to 31 July 2004. The new criminal provisions of the Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2000 will therefore be further suspended for one year except as they apply to computer programs, movies, television dramas and musical recordings. This will ensure that the Legislative Council can have sufficient time to scrutinize the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003, which was introduced into the Council in February 2003. One of the purposes of the Bill is to continue with the current arrangements under the Suspension Ordinance.

3. An Information Note on this Notice (via LC Paper No. CB(1)1994/02-03 dated 17 June 2003) has been issued by the Commerce and Industry Branch of the Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau, to the members of the Panel on Commerce and Industry and all other LegCo members, in June 2003 for reference.

4. The Bills Committee on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2001 and Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2003 has noted the Administration's proposal.

5. No difficulties in relation to the legal and drafting aspects of this Notice have been identified.

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