

28th February 2003

Mr. S. C. Tsang
For Clerk to Subcommittee
Legislative Council Building
By Fax (28696794)
8 Jackson Road,
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Re : Subcommittee on Trade Marks Rules and Trade Marks
Ordinance (Cap. 559) (Commencement) Notice 2003 -
Meeting on 3rd March 2003

Thank you for your letter of 25th February 2003 inviting our views on the above for submission by today.

We are aware of the fact that the Intellectual Property Committee of the Law Society has prepared submissions to the Subcommittee on this subject. Due to the short time frame provided, it is not practical for our Association to prepare a further set of submissions. However, the Law Society's submissions have been provided to our Trade Marks Committee and Council. Our Association shares the concern on the profound impact introduced by the proposed New Trade Marks Rules if they are passed unamended.

We emphasize the fact that our Association is keen to see the New Trade Marks Ordinance and New Trade Marks Rules come into effect as scheduled on the 4th April 2003 with the rules appropriately amended to reflect the concern of practitioners which we believe is conducive to the interest of Hong Kong and the proper functioning of our trade marks system.

We understand that the Law Society will be represented by Mr. Henry Wheare. As Mr. Wheare is also the Vice President of our Association, he will also be representing our Association at the meeting on the 3rd March 2003.

Yours sincerely,

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