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Dear Ms Wong,

**Appeal Board on Closure Orders  
(Immediate Health Hazard) Rules (L.N. 200 of 2002)**

Thank you for your letter of 4 January 2003.

We are well aware of the possibility that more than one appeals may be lodged against a closure order made under section 128C of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance. Under such circumstances, the Appeal Board Secretariat will arrange hearings for the appellants successively. All appeals lodged with the Appeal Board Chairman will be heard unless the appellants concerned have served a notice of abandonment on the secretary pursuant to section 11(1) of the Appeal Rules. In practice, the Appeal Board may hear more than one appeals before making a decision to confirm, suspend or disallow the closure order. With these administrative arrangements, there is no need to revise the Appeal Rules to provide for consolidation of proceedings in

the event of multiple appeals against a closure order.

If you have any further enquiries on this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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