Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation

Administration's response to issues raised at the sub-committee meeting held on 26 May 2003

(a) To consider the Hon. LI Fung-ying's suggestion of amending the Chinese version of sub-paragraph 22(1) of the Regulation to substitute "避" with "觸災".

The Chinese equivalent of "commit" in the Oxford Advanced Learner's English-Chinese Dictionary is "迟". There are precedents in other legislation. To cite but a few examples-

- (a) section 3, Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap.1): the Chinese equivalent of "commit any such offence" is "犯任何這類罪行";
- (b) section 159A(1)(a), Crimes Ordinance (Cap.200): the Chinese equivalent of "commission of any offence or offences" is "犯一項或多於一項罪行";
- (c) section 5(1)(b), Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Cap.455): the Chinese equivalent of "any person who has committed or is suspected of having committed an organized crime" is "犯或被懷疑已犯有組織罪行的人"; and
- (d) section 37(1)(c), Post Office Ordinance (Cap.98): the Chinese equivalent of "attempts to commit an offence against this Ordinance" is "企圖犯本條例所訂的罪行".
- (b) To consider the Chairman's suggestion of amending the Chinese version of sub-paragraph 28(a) of the Regulation to substitute "識別" with "詳別"
- 2. Section 28 of the Regulation is modeled on section 153B of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap.200). Section 153B(1)(a) of the Crimes Ordinance requires a closure order to "<u>identify</u> the premises...". The

Chinese equivalent of this provision is "對...處所予以<u>識別</u>". Section 28(a) of the Regulation has retained this Chinese equivalent of "identify" for the sake of consistency.

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