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Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong

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By Fax No.2537 1204
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Clerk to Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong
Attn.: Miss Sandy Chu

Dear Sir,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No.39)**

**Chapter 2: The Customs and Excise Department's efforts
to protect government revenue from dutiable commodities**

Thank you for your letter dated 27 January 2003.

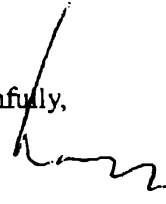
The Customs and Excise Department (C&E) has consulted the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data in relation to their proposed mechanism to facilitate speedy verification of the departure time of travellers, and we have given our comments on the proposed mechanism based on the information provided by them. We welcome C&E's responses to our comments as set out in the Annex IV enclosed with your letter, though they may wish to expand on the following:

- (a) Item no.1 of Part B – to give a purpose statement to their officers in respect of the collection of the officers' activity log regarding their access to travellers' records.

(b) Item no.4(b) of Part B – to have in place an “alert” system whereby all cases of “No IC Arrival Record is found” be brought to the attention of the supervising officers and be investigated so as to prevent any unauthorized access to the data by authorized personnel.

Should you have any question on the above, please feel free to contact me or our KT Chan (Mr), Senior Personal Data Officer at 2877 7123 or 2877 7198 respectively.

Yours faithfully,



(Tony Lam)

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