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Dear Ms Ng,

**Ex-gratia Payment for Live Poultry Retailers
in Housing Authority Markets**

At the Finance Committee meeting held on 26 March 2004, the Administration undertook to provide a paper on the arrangement of ex-gratia payment (EGP) and rental waiver for live poultry retailers operating in Housing Authority (HA) markets including those under the management of single operators. We would, therefore, like to inform Members of the detailed arrangement.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) issued a letter to all the 217 live poultry retailers operating in HA markets notifying them to collect 80% of the EGP and inviting them to apply for the remaining 20% of the EGP. As at 8 June 2004, 213 of these retailers have collected the 80% of the EGP and applied for the remaining 20% of the EGP. Of these applications, payment has been made to 204 operators while the others are still being processed.

According to the HA, it has already granted the 3-month rental waiver to all live poultry retailers operating in its markets including those retailers operating in markets under the management of single operators. Furthermore, it has also lifted the requirement that live poultry stalls need to cease operation for 30 consecutive days before the operators would be eligible for full rental waiver.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2136 3292, Ms Rhonda LO, Assistant Director (Operations)/FEHD at 2867 5288 or Mr Albert K W LEE, Assistant Director (Commercial Properties)/Housing Department at 2794 5669.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

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