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**Chemical Weapons (Convention) Ordinance (26 of 2003)
(Commencement) Notice 2004 (L.N. 62 of 2004)
Gazetted on 23 April 2004**

At the House Committee meeting on 30 April 2004, whilst discussing the Legal Service Division's report on the Chemical Weapons (Convention) Ordinance (26 of 2003) (Commencement) Notice 2004 (L.N. 62 of 2004), a Member enquired whether the facilities/institutions affected by the Chemical Weapons (Convention) Ordinance (the Ordinance) had been informed of the commencement of the Ordinance and whether they were ready for the implementation of the Ordinance.

2. We therefore made enquiry with the Administration. In its response, the Administration stated that it had informed the industry of the new requirements under the Ordinance through seminars, trade circulars and announcements on a dedicated website. It had also disseminated the information through chambers of commerce. The commencement date had been announced on the dedicated website. No objection to the commencement of the Ordinance on 18 June 2004 had been received. Further, it had also sent trade circular on the commencement date of the Ordinance to the facilities that might be affected by the requirements of the Ordinance. The Administration is satisfied that they should be ready for the commencement of the Ordinance. Members may refer to the Administration's response annexed hereto for details.

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Dear Miss Ho,

**Chemical Weapons (Convention) Ordinance (26 of 2003)
(Commencement) Notice 2004 (L.N. 62 of 2004)**

Thank you for your letter dated 3 May 2004 enquiring whether the facilities/institutions affected by the Chemical Weapons (Convention) Ordinance (the Ordinance) have been informed of the commencement of the Ordinance and whether they are ready for the implementation of the Ordinance.

Since the enactment of the Ordinance in July 2003, we have informed the industry of the new requirements under the Ordinance through seminars, trade circulars and announcements on a dedicated website 《 <http://www.cwc.tid.gov.hk/eindex.html> 》. We have also disseminated the information through chambers of commerce. The commencement date of the Ordinance has been announced on the dedicated website. So far, we have not received any objection to the commencement of the Ordinance on 18 June 2004.

In addition, we conducted an industry-wide survey in the past few months to identify facilities likely to be affected by the Ordinance. We have also conducted outreach visits to the facilities that might be affected by the requirements under the Ordinance and sent the recent trade circular on the commencement date to them. We are satisfied that they should be ready for the commencement of the Ordinance.

I hope you will find the above information useful.

Yours sincerely,

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