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Dear Ms Lai,

**Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005 ("the Amendment Bill")**

Thank you for your letter of 30 June 2005.

In response to your question raised therein, we will make amendments to Clause 5 of the captioned Bill so that the exemption would only be applicable to intended premises, i.e. buildings under construction and demolition.

Yours sincerely,

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