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Legislative Council Secretariat 8 Jackson Road Central (Attn.: Miss Becky Yu)

Dear Madam,

Re: Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation

I refer to your letter of 8th January 2007.

Regarding the definition of "manufacture", the Administration has carefully considered Members' concerns. We are prepared to revise it as follows, so as to make the Regulation clearer –

"manufacture", in relation to a regulated product, means to prepare, produce, pack, repack or assemble the product, but does not include the process of solely adding colourant to the tint base of a regulated product.

Regarding the responsibility of retailers, the Administration considers that it is most cost-effective to control the origin of regulated products by imposing liability on manufacturers and importers. It is also inappropriate to introduce such a major policy change after extensive and full consultation on the Regulation.

I supply the names of attendants for future meetings at the Annex.

Yours faithfully,

(SHIU Lik-king) for Director of Environmental Protection

<u>c.c.</u>

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