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Dear Ms Yau,

**Bills Committee on
Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill 2007**

Follow-up to meeting on 6 March 2008

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2008. Our response to the various issues are set out below:-

Clause 4 – amended section 2(1)

2. We agree to Members' suggestion. The draft Committee Stage Amendment (CSA) has been included in a separate paper to the Committee.

Clause 7 – proposed section 13A

3. For the current legislative exercise, our intention is to limit the proposed section to written price representation only. As for the proposal of providing a general prohibition against misleading price indication (including verbal representation), there would likely be implications on the current practice of the retail trade e.g. price bargaining. We therefore have reservations in including it in the current Bill without consulting the retail trade.

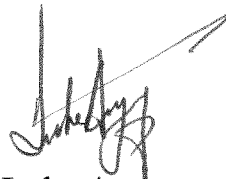
4. We agree with the proposal to expand the scope of the proposed section 13A by replacing “weight unit” with “unit of quantity”. We will move a CSA to this effect.

5. As for the proposal of setting detailed requirements on price signs with regard to the size, colour and font size of characters etc, we consider that this would be too rigid and would affect all retailers. In addition, compliance could be a problem for some of them, especially small retailers and wet market stalls. We therefore do not intend to set down such a requirement.

Clause 7 – proposed section 13C

6. We agree with the proposal and will move a CSA accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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(Luke Auyeung)

for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development