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Dear the Hon Mr CHAN.

Chief Censor

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Subcommittee on Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment: Requirement for Nutrition Labelling and Nutrition Claim) Regulations 2008

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The Administration's latest proposals relating to prepackaged food products with nutrition claims and trans fat level

Honorary Tressurer

Dr S V Lo 超烈级

Thank you for your letter dated 19 May inviting our comments on the latest proposal relating to prepackaged food products with nutrition claims and trans fat level.

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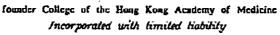
Our College raises great concern and objection to these two proposals. As stated in our previous submission, the exemption of nutrition claims for products of small sales volume violates the fundamental objectives of the labeling scheme. Such relaxation will greatly compromise the overall health gain from this scheme.

Regarding the relaxation of labelling on trans fat level, it will cause further confusion to the consumers. The inclusion of law of any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong on



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labelling of trans fat in our legal system also makes law enforcement extremely difficult.

The two proposed amendments will greatly undermine the

objective of protecting public health. The revised version

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of the proposed amendments was already a much watered-down version of the original as proposed in the consultation document. With further exemption, we really doubt how the whole scheme could safeguard the health of Hong Kong people. We appeal to the Legislative

Council members not to accept these proposed

amendments.

Yours sincerely

Dr Katherine So President.

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