Subcommittee on Estate Agents (Licensing) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2009

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 9 November 2009

At the meeting on 9 November 2009, the Administration was requested to provide written responses to the following concerns raised at the meeting:

- (a) Whether the Estate Agents Authority (EAA) could exercise jurisdiction over the conduct and behaviour of EAA-licensed estate agents outside Hong Kong, and make reference to it when considering whether he/she was still "fit and proper to hold a licence"; and if yes, the legal basis (or authoritative interpretations/ precedent cases, if any) and conditions for exercising such jurisdiction.
- (b) The jurisdiction and licensing considerations of the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA) in relation to the conduct and behaviour of CIREA-licensed estate agents outside the Mainland.
- (c) Whether EAA would exercise supervision over EAA-licensed Mainland estate agents regarding their estate agency work for Mainland properties.
- (d) Regarding the communications and notices sent by EAA to the address of a licensee deemed to have been served under EAA's Proceedings Rules on Inquiry Hearings, whether the Administration would consider providing statutory basis for serving notices etc in the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap. 511) or its subsidiary legislation, including whether to request an EAA-licensed estate agent practising outside Hong Kong to provide a registered address other than that in Hong Kong to which all communications and notices might be sent.
- (e) Further information on the detailed operation of the points system whereby applicants would be shortlisted for nomination by EAA to CIREA to attend the tailor-made course and sit for the relevant examination of the mutual recognition of qualifications scheme.

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