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Dear Mr WU,

## **United Nations Sanctions (Liberia) Regulation 2014 (L.N. 29 of 2014)**

Thank you for your letter of 25 April 2014.

It is noted from paragraph 3 of your said letter that the Terminology Bulletin No. 347/Rev.1 (Country Names) was issued by the United Nations in 1997, which is well before 21 March 2014 (i.e. the commencement date of the captioned Regulation). Please confirm whether both "Liberia" (Short name) and "the Republic of Liberia" (Formal name) still remain valid as of 21 March 2014.

Would it be more appropriate to adopt "the Republic of Liberia", rather than "Liberia", in the operative provisions of the captioned Regulation to achieve consistency with the use of "the Republic of Liberia" in the laws of Hong Kong (i.e. the respective Schedule 1 to the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514), the Registered Design Ordinance (Cap. 522) and the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559)?

It seems that formal name is usually used in the operative For example, "Iraq" (Short name) is only used in the short title, and "the Republic of Iraq" (Formal name) is used in the operative provisions, of the United Nations Sanctions (Iraq) (Control of Gold, Securities, Payments and Credits) Regulation (Cap. 537 sub. leg. A).

Yours sincerely,

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