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Clerk to Subcommittee on Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 Legislative Council Complex, 1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong. (Attention: Mr Raymond LAM)

Dear Mr Lam,

Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013

I refer to the email of the Clerk to the Subcommittee on 20 March. The Administration's response to the media enquiries on "rice-based milk cereal" on 18 March was as follows:

- The incident of "rice-based milk cereal" was an exceptional case.
- As the product contains the ingredient of milk and is packaged in cans similar to those of powdered formula products of the same brand, and is intended for consumption by young children above 6 months of age, the law enforcement officers' judgement at the time was that the said product was within the scope of regulation.

With a more in-depth understanding of the case and upon obtaining information from the supplier, it was established that the product was intended to facilitate diet transition of infants and young children into solid food and would be in paste form after blending/mixing with water. As such, it is not covered by the Amendment Regulation.

Yours sincerely,

(Jeff LEUNG)

for Secretary for Food and Health