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via Ms Adeline Wan, SASG/GLP

Dear Miss Yeung,

**Bills Committee on
Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014**

Proposed Committee Stage Amendments

I attach a copy of the latest version of the proposed Committee Stage Amendments to be moved by the Administration to the above Bill (“CSAs”) upon its resumption of the second reading debate.

As compared with the earlier version of CSAs circulated in August 2014 [LC Paper No. CB(4)1016/13-14(01)], the latest version includes the following newly proposed amendments: -

- (a) Clause 1(3) of the Bill: to amend the English text of Clause 1(3) of the Bill by deleting “after” and substituting “commencing on” to reflect more clearly the policy intent ;
and

(b) Part 14 of the Bill:

- (i) to delete the reference to “香港” in “香港海關關長”、“香港海關副關長” and “香港海關助理關長” in the recently enacted United Nations Sanctions (Côte d’Ivoire) Regulation 2014 (L.N. 114 of 2014); and
- (ii) to update the references of “(L.N. 145 of 2013)” in the Bill and “(L.N. 29 of 2014)” in the earlier version of CSAs to “(Cap. 537 sub. leg. BF)” and “(Cap. 537 sub. leg. BG)” respectively and to rearrange the proposed amendments accordingly.

With regard to footnote 1 of the earlier version of the CSAs circulated in August 2014, we note from the Agenda of the Legislative Council Meeting on 12 November 2014 that the second reading debate of the Competition (Amendment) Bill 2014 (which includes amendment to section 81 of the Evidence Ordinance) will be resumed on 12 November 2014. As such, the latest version of the CSAs retains the proposed amendments to Clause 43 of the Bill in order to ensure that the proposed amendments to section 81 of the Evidence Ordinance under the Bill will be properly effected.

Yours sincerely,


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