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**Amendment to be made by** : Council meeting of 8 January 2014 (or that of 12 February 2014 if extended by resolution)

**Import and Export (General) Regulations  
(Amendment of Schedule 7) (No. 2) Notice 2013** **(L.N. 198)**

This Notice is made by the Director-General of Trade and Industry under regulation 7(2) of the Import and Export (General) Regulations (Cap. 60 sub. leg. A) (the Regulations).

2. The Notice adds Mali to the list of specified countries or places in Schedule 7 to the Regulations. Part 6 of and Schedule 7 to the Regulations together implement in Hong Kong an international certification scheme for rough diamonds known as the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme<sup>1</sup> (the Scheme). The amendment made by the Notice has the effect that trade in rough diamonds with Mali under the Scheme may be lawfully carried on in Hong Kong.

3. According to paragraph 3 of the LegCo Brief, the Scheme is implemented in Hong Kong from 2 January 2003 by way of legislation in order to safeguard Hong Kong's interest as a trading hub of diamonds in the region, and to minimise disruption to the local diamond industry. Members may wish to refer to the LegCo Brief issued by Trade and Industry Department on 2 December 2013 (File ref.: TRA CR 1651/3/1) for further information.

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<sup>1</sup> The Scheme was developed by the Kimberley Process, an international negotiating forum that seeks to stop trade in rough diamonds used by rebel movements or their allies to finance conflicts aimed at undermining legitimate governments. Under the Scheme, participating economies cannot trade rough diamonds with non-participants.

4. The Notice comes into operation on 21 February 2014.
5. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Commerce and Industry, the Panel has not been consulted on the Notice.
6. No difficulties have been identified in the legal or drafting aspects of the Notice.

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