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Dear Ms Lam,

**Follow up to the Meeting of the
Panel on Commerce and Industry on 18 February 2014**

Agenda Item V: Review of the Hong Kong Textiles Control System

The Administration's response to the comment on the level of the annual registration fee of post-relaxation Textiles Trader Registration Scheme (TTRS) raised at the Panel meeting of 18 February 2014 is set out below.

At the Panel meeting while discussing the agenda item on relaxing textiles control, a Member advocated that the Administration should revise the proposed post-relaxation TTRS annual registration fee to \$60 to alleviate the administrative hassles caused to the trade for having to pay the odd sum of \$61.

The Administration has further reflected on the suggestion carefully. In line with the "user pays" principle, it is Government's policy that fees and charges should in general be set at levels sufficient to recover the full cost of providing the services. The post-relaxation TTRS annual registration fee is proposed to be \$61 having regard to the result of a costing review at the 2014-15 price level. Given the need to uphold the "user pays" and full-cost recovery principles, the Administration has no leeway to further adjust the post-relaxation TTRS annual registration fee to \$60. On the other hand, the Trade and Industry Department will soon introduce a variety of new payment

channels (e.g., by PPS, Internet banking, pay at convenience stores, etc.) to provide greater facilitation to its customers. It will hopefully help to offset any administrative inconvenience caused to the trade for having to pay an “odd sum” of \$61.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jacky Lum', written over a horizontal line.

(Jacky LUM)

for Director-General of Trade and Industry

c.c. Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
(Attn: Mrs. Candy YEUNG)

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
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