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Dear Mr Chan,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
List of Follow-up Actions**

**Implementation of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living
Resources in Hong Kong**

At the Panel meeting held on 11 March 2014, the Administration was requested to provide, for Members' reference, supplementary information on the above subject. The requested information is set out below:

(a) the number of traders and importers of toothfish in Hong Kong

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) estimates that about ten major traders/ importers are currently engaged in toothfish trading in Hong Kong. This is based on information obtained from on-going surveys and consultation with the trade conducted by AFCD.

(b) the number of traders and importers who imported toothfish from countries and places where the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources ("CCAMLR") had not been implemented

At present, import of toothfish into Hong Kong is not subject to licensing control. As such, AFCD does not have information showing the number of traders and importers who imported toothfish from places where CCAMLR had not been implemented.

(c) the legal basis for Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") Government to extend the application of CCAMLR to HKSAR.

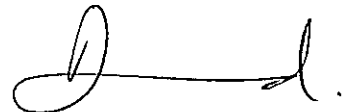
Article 153 of the Basic Law stipulates that:

"The application to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of

international agreements to which the People's Republic of China (PRC) is or becomes a party shall be decided by the Central People's Government (CPG), in accordance with the circumstances and needs of the Region, and after seeking the views of the Region".

The PRC acceded to CCAMLR in 2006. The trade volume and commercial activities in relation to toothfish in Hong Kong had increased significantly in recent years. With a view to making our fair share of contributions to the concerted efforts being pursued by the international community to promote the protection and sustainable use of marine resources, the HKSAR Government has consulted CPG on the application of CCAMLR to the HKSAR. Upon enactment of the relevant legislation, we will formally request CPG to complete the formalities for extending the application of CCAMLR to Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



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