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Dear Ms CHAN,

Follow-up to the Panel on Economic Development Meeting on 21 July 2017

Proposed Amendments to Legislation Relating to Air Carriage of Dangerous Goods

Thank you for your letter dated 24 July 2017. The Government's reply is as follows:

2. To promulgate the latest requirements of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air ("TIs"), the Civil Aviation Department ("CAD") has briefed the air cargo industry in December 2016 and has also written to stakeholders in January 2017, to provide details of the amendments. In the light of the comments made by the Panel on Economic Development, the CAD and the Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK") have updated their websites and put the dangerous goods information in a prominent position with a view to promoting the safe transport of dangerous goods by air. In the CAD website, a leaflet on 'Packing Tips for Air Passengers' is published under http://www.cad.gov.hk/english/dangerousgoods.html which promulgates dangerous goods information. Similar dangerous goods information is also available in the HKIA website under http://www.hongkongairport.com/eng/passenger/departure/all/airport-security.html or the mobile application "HKG My Flight" provided by the AAHK.

- 2. Under Regulation 8(2) of the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations [Schedule 16 to the Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (Cap. 448C)], the AAHK and aircraft operators are required to ensure that passengers are provided with information about the categories of dangerous goods that may not be taken aboard an aircraft. CAD conducts inspections on these operators to ensure that the aforesaid requirements are being complied with.
- 3. Before the new requirements of the TIs are given legal effect, the CAD has put in place the TIs' latest amendments (the corresponding legislative amendments were discussed in the Panel on Economic Development) through interim administrative measures. In practice, AAHK and aircraft operators have already implemented a number of measures to provide passengers with the information about dangerous goods. At airport / in-town check-in counters and self-service check-in kiosks, passengers are presented with information about the dangerous goods that are forbidden to be taken aboard an aircraft. The staff at check-in counters will also remind passengers not to carry aboard dangerous goods forbidden in checked or cabin baggage. Similar dangerous goods information is also presented to passengers who check in online. To display the dangerous goods information prominently, four dangerous goods information booths have been provided by the CAD at Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 (See Annex). Notices are also shown at boarding gates and transfer desks to provide passengers with information about dangerous goods.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

The CAD have set up four dangerous goods information booths at Terminal 1 and Terminal 2.



Near Aisle C of Terminal 1



Near Aisle H of Terminal 1



Near Aisle F of Terminal 1



Near Aisle P of Terminal 2