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Legislative Council Complex,
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(Attention: Ms. Angel SHEK, Clerk to Panel)

Dear Madam,

Noise from Motor Vehicles

Thank you for your letter of 3 April 2018 to the Secretary for the Environment, requesting the Administration to respond to a referral from Hon CHAN Han-pan regarding noise from modification and/or alteration of the exhaust system of in-use vehicles. I am authorized to reply as follows.

To ensure that motor vehicles would adopt noise alleviating measures in their design, the Noise Control (Motor Vehicles) Regulation (Cap. 400I) requires all vehicles (including motor vehicles and motor cycles) to comply with the relevant prescribed noise standards before making application for first registration with the Transport Department.

As for the in-use vehicles, the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374A) requires that every vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine shall be fitted with a silencer, expansion chamber or other contrivance suitable and sufficient for reducing the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases from the engine. Every such silencer, expansion chamber or other contrivance shall, while the vehicle is used on a road, be maintained in good and efficient working order, and shall not have been altered or replaced in such a way that the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases is made greater by the alteration or replacement. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any requirement under these regulations commits an offence and is liable to a fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months upon conviction.

Upon receiving a report on excessive noise from vehicle, the Transport Department will examine the received information and issue a letter to the concerned vehicle owner requiring rectification of the concerned vehicle. The Transport Department may issue a Vehicle Examination Order to the concerned vehicle owner requiring the vehicle to be examined at the Vehicle Examination Centre to ensure that such vehicle is in good working order and in safe mechanical condition, if necessary.



Anyone who suspects any vehicle emitting excessive noise (e.g. from high-speed driving) because of modification and/or alteration of the exhaust silencer can report the matter with details to the Transport Department via "1823" or seek immediate assistance from the Police for their appropriate follow up.

The enforcement figures related to the above Regulation (Cap 374A) are provided by the Police as shown below for reference:-

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------|------|------|------|
| Summons laid | 83 | 174 | 108 |
| Conviction | 83 | 163 | 93* |

[Note: Provisional figure as at April 2018.]

If you have further queries, please contact me at 2835 1105.

Yours faithfully,



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