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Bills Committee on Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) BillLegislative Council SecretariatLegislative Council Complex1 Legislative Council RoadCentral, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Fire Safety (Industrial Buildings) Bill

We refer to the letter from Security Bureau (B Division) dated 9 August 2018 in connection with the proposed introduction of a new piece of legislation to mandate owners and occupiers of industrial buildings constructed on or before 1 March 1987 to upgrade the requirements of fire service installations and equipment as well as fire safety construction of their buildings.

The subject at issue has been discussed at the regular Liaison Meetings between Fire Services Department and The Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies (HKAPMC) over the years. We are pleased to note that most of the views put forth by HKAPMC at the Liaison Meetings have been incorporated into the Consultation Paper.

In view of the fact that there are at present around 1,100 industrial buildings which will be subject to the new legislation, HKAPMC is of the view that sufficient time should be offered to the owners of the buildings affected upon enactment of the new legislation.

In a nutshell, HKAPMC supports the subject Legislative Proposal to upgrade the fire safety standards of old buildings in the best interest of the community at large.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of The Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies

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