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Dear Clerk to Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019,

Thank you for letting me the opportunity to talk about my personal situation.

My name is Bernard GIRAULT, I am a french citizen touring my family in HK.

I started smoking when I was 18

I kept on smoking till I was 75 and quit smoking last year when I discovered « tobacco heaters », more precisely the iqos Tobacco heater.

As I was to stay one month in HK , I thought I would load up for « heets » in Paris in a duty free shop, but the employee told me that the HK authorities did not allow the quantity I wished. I thought that it was not a problem as I would find and buy these products in HK. Too bad, I could not find any in HK's tobacco shops.

May I suggest the following alternative : whether the iqos are on sale in HK and imports are banned, or iqos are not on sale in HK and imports for personal use are authorized.

Otherwise I am afraid I will have too resume smoking deadly cigarettes when I visit HK.

Kind regards,

Bernard GIRAULT