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Clerk of Panel on Commerce and Industry  
Legislative Council Complex  
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(Attn: Mr. Desmond Lam)

Dear Mr. Lam,

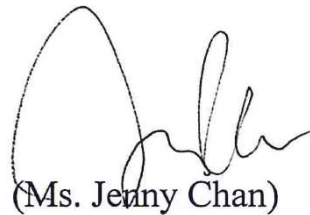
**Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry  
List of Follow-up Actions of 18 December 2018 Meeting**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry on 18 December 2018, a Panel member enquired the Administration about the estimated number and breakdown by industry of Hong Kong firms to be relocated back from the Mainland to Hong Kong as a result of the zero tariff treatment on goods of Hong Kong origin imported into the Mainland under the Agreement on Trade in Goods (“the Agreement”) signed between Hong Kong and the Mainland on 14 December 2018 according to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA).

The Administration does not have such estimate since the choice of location of a manufacturing plant is an investment decision that is made having regard to a host of factors.

During January-February 2019 following the implementation of the Agreement, the Trade and Industry Department approved 15 new Factory Registrations (“FR”) for the issue of “Certificate of Origin – CEPA” (“CO(CEPA)”). 1,929 CO(CEPA)s were issued, representing an increase of 29% vis-à-vis the same period last year. The applicants for FR are not required to provide information on whether they are relocated from outside Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jenny Chan', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

(Ms. Jenny Chan)

for Director-General of Trade and Industry

c.c. SCED (Attn: Mr. Lee Lik Kong, Eddie)