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Dear Mr Lam,

**Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry -  
Follow-up to Meeting on 21 January 2020**

**Implementation of the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Goods**

Our consolidated reply to the question raised by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry on 21 January 2020 is provided below.

Starting from 1 January 2019, the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) consolidates and updates the commitments on liberalisation and facilitation of trade in goods under CEPA, and introduces a general rules of origin (ROO), allowing products without product-specific ROOs to enjoy zero tariff upon importation into the Mainland subject to the fulfilment of the general ROO.

Since the implementation of the CEPA until end of December 2019, the Trade and Industry Department has issued 187 393 Certificates of Hong Kong Origin (CO(CEPA)) involving more than HK\$ 108.4 billion

worth of exports which were entitled to zero tariff treatment upon importation into the Mainland, with tariff savings of about RMB 7.44 billion. CO(CEPA) issued in 2019 as well as the major product types imported into the Mainland, as compared to 2018 are as follows:

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b> (% change as compared to 2018)
<b>Number of Issued CO(CEPA)</b>	13,062	17,376 (+ 33%)
<b>Major product types imported into the Mainland</b>	plastics and plastic articles; pharmaceutical products; food and beverages; chemical products; and optical, photographic and cinematographic instruments and parts	plastics and plastic articles; food and beverages; pharmaceutical products; chemical products; and machinery and mechanical appliances

Yours sincerely,



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