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Dear Mr Chui,

**Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation
Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease**

**Follow-up action required of the Administration
arising from the discussion at the meeting on 19 January 2021**

I refer to your letter dated 21 January 2021 with respect to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Use of Vaccines) Regulation and provide our response in the ensuing paragraphs.

Arrangements of the large-scale vaccination programme in respect of the COVID-19 vaccines

2. We estimate that starting in February, members of the public can get vaccinated under a vaccination programme led by the Government, on a voluntary basis and free of charge. Our goal is to provide vaccines for the majority of the population within 2021. Having considered experts' views and the supply of vaccines, we will provide vaccination for priority groups first, including groups which have higher risks of coming into contact with the COVID-19 virus, groups

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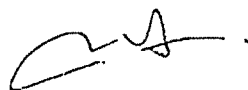
which have greater mortality rates after contracting the disease, and/or groups which may easily transmit the virus to the vulnerable or weak if infected (e.g. healthcare workers, elders and staff of residential care homes). Furthermore, we are reviewing other target groups which may need to receive vaccination early due to their work nature or other needs.

3. In view that the vaccine developed by BioNTech in collaboration with Fosun Pharma has more stringent requirements for transport and storage (the vaccines must be stored at -70 degrees Celsius, and can only survive in a 2 to 8 degrees Celsius environment for five days) and also require correct thawing procedures, in order to ensure the quality of the vaccines and that the vaccination procedures adhere to requirements, we will set up Community Vaccination Centres in 18 districts in Hong Kong. As regards the other two vaccines, we expect that they will be handled following the arrangements for seasonal influenza vaccination in general, whereby vaccination will be provided to members of the public through private hospitals and clinics. Members of the public will receive a vaccination card for record after vaccination. The relevant record can be uploaded to the Electronic Health Record Sharing System. The COVID-19 Electronic Testing Record System launched by the Government will also include an "Electronic Vaccination Record" feature for convenient download by the public.

Handling of unused vaccines

4. Our response to the issue is set out in our letter dated 18 January 2021 to the Subcommittee (Ref. LC Paper No. CB(2)663/20-21(02)). We have no further supplement to make at this stage.

Yours sincerely,



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