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Dear Ms NG,

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

Follow-up actions required of the Administration arising from the discussion at the meeting on 15 September 2021

Thank you for your letter of 15 September 2021 on the captioned matter. Our reply is set out below:

(a) testing arrangement for persons who have infected and recovered from COVID-19 and the number of reinfection cases

2. Currently, persons confirmed to have contracted coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) are subject to close medical supervision and frequent testing during hospitalisation. They will not be discharged from the hospital unless they have fully met the Hospital Authority's discharge criteria. They are not subject to further compulsory testing after being discharged.

3. As of 15 September 2021, among all the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hong Kong, only one reinfection case (case number #564) has been reported which involves a 33-year-old male patient. He was first infected in late March 2020 and was discharged from hospital in mid-April 2020 after being tested negative for the virus

twice. Subsequently, he travelled to Spain via London of the United Kingdom in early August 2020. He was tested positive again upon arrival at the Hong Kong International Airport in mid-August 2020.

(b) the respective numbers of confirmed cases involving persons arriving at Hong Kong from Group B and Group C specified places

4. From 1 to 14 September 2021, there were nine imported cases involving persons who have stayed at Group B specified places only, and no imported case involving persons who have stayed at Group C specified places.

Yours sincerely,

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(Sophia HUI) for Secretary for Food and Health