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To: Holders of Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence

Dear Sir/Madam,

Scheduled Premises should comply with the latest social distancing measures

Given the gradual deterioration of recent epidemic situation, the Government announced the gazettal under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions)(Business and Premises) Regulation to implement social distancing measures effective from 28 August 2022 at scheduled premises (including mah-jong/tin kau premises). The main points are as below –

2. The responsible person of the premises shall arrange all staff members involved in the operation of the business on the premises to undergo a RAT once every three days before entry into the premises (in other words, a staff member must, on the day when he/she enters the premises for work (relevant work day), hold a RAT result obtained on the relevant work day or on any of the two days immediately preceding the relevant work day) and keep record of each RAT result for three days.

3. A staff member involved in the operation of the business on the premises must produce a photo showing the RAT-negative testing kit, on which the name of the staff member and the day of taking the RAT are marked, obtained on the relevant work day or on any of the two days immediately preceding the relevant work day, upon being asked by an enforcement officer inside the premises on the relevant work day.

4. For details of the above requirements applicable to scheduled premises, please refer to Government Notice 803 of 2022¹. To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission and epidemic rebound, all sectors of the community shall stay vigilant and comply with the relevant regulations on prevention and control of disease in a concerted and persistent manner. The Office of the Licensing Authority of the Home Affairs Department has strengthened the publicity efforts and will continue to take stringent enforcement actions. All sectors are reminded to co-operate with us to fight the virus together.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) (Robin LEUNG) Chief Officer (Licensing Authority) Office of the Licensing Authority

¹ GN 803 of 2022 is accessible at www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/202226294e/egn202226294803.pdf