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To: Holders of Amusement Game Centre (AGC) Licence; and Person-in-Charge of Electronic Sports (E-Sports) Venue

Dear Sir/Madam,

Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) Latest Directions

We previously issued a letter dated 27 March 2020 informing you that the Secretary for Food and Health issued a direction, under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) ("Regulation"), that the amusement game centre/e-sports venue should be closed for a period of 14 days beginning at 6:00 p.m. on 28 March 2020.

2. Since the COVID-19 pandemic remains severe around the globe, the Government will continue to introduce measures to curb local transmission. According to the above Regulation, the Secretary for Food and Health has issued a latest direction to extend the closure of certain premises including amusement game centres to 23 April 2020. According to section 9(2), a manager who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes the relevant direction commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 5 and to imprisonment for 6 months.

3. Please refer to the following Government Notice regarding the details of the Regulation and the relevant measures –

https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20202422e/egn2020242226.pdf

4. The Office of the Licensing Authority of the Home Affairs Department will conduct inspections to ascertain the compliance to the direction.

5. Please note that the Government has been reviewing the feasibility of relevant measures and will make timely adjustments in view of the latest developments of the disease.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) (TANG Hoi-kwan, Edwin) Chief Officer (Licensing Authority) Office of the Licensing Authority