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To: Licensees of Amusement Game Centres

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435)
Licence Conditions 12 and 13 of
Amusement Game Centre Licence
Relating to the Prevention of Gambling**

As the licensee, you should operate the amusement game centres (AGCs) in accordance with the provisions of the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435) (the Ordinance) and the licence conditions imposed under the Ordinance. In this connection, you may wish to note that under Condition 12, no bet shall be wagered or paid at the premises where the AGC is situated, nor shall any person offer or receive any advantage to be determined by the result of any game played on a machine or device. Furthermore, Condition 13 stipulates that no prizes or cash refund shall be offered or given to any person in consequence of the result of any game on a machine or device.

If a licence condition is contravened, the licensee commits an offence unless in accordance with section 19(3) of the Ordinance, he proves that he did not know and had no reason to suspect the existence of the circumstances giving rise to the contravention and he could not, by the exercise of reasonable supervision and reasonable diligence, have prevented those circumstances arising. Under section 9(2)(c) of the Ordinance, where a licence condition is contravened, the licence may be suspended, refused to be renewed or revoked, whether or not the licensee has been convicted of an offence under section 19(1) or (3) of the Ordinance.

To ensure compliance with the relevant statutory requirements and licence conditions, the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) has been conducting frequent inspections of licensed AGCs. In processing applications for renewal of AGC licences, the OLA will consider the performance of the AGCs concerned in complying with the Ordinance and licence conditions before making a decision. For AGCs with unsatisfactory performance or having contravened any licence conditions, their application for renewal will be determined only until there is significant improvement in their management. To avoid unnecessary delay in licence renewal, you should take effective measures and adequate supervision to comply with the licence conditions and furnish all the documents required for licence renewal to the OLA on time.

Should you have any enquiries on the above, please contact our Licensing Officers on 2594 5808 or 2594 5818.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)
(Vincent S L WAN)
for Chief Officer (Licensing Authority)
Office of the Licensing Authority
Home Affairs Department

c.c. Licensed Amusement Game Centres Trade Association Ltd
Secretary for Home Affairs (Attn: AS(3)2)
Commissioner of Police (Attn: SP (Licensing Office))