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To: Holders of Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence

Dear Sir/Madam,

Latest Directions by the Secretary for Food and Health published on 5 May 2020

In light of the more stabilised epidemic situation in Hong Kong in the recent weeks, the Government proposed lifting some of the social distancing measures. In this connection, the Secretary for Food and Health published the latest directions on 5 May 2020 under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions)(Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) ("Regulation") for compliance by relevant trades and premises.

2. As regards the latest directions issued under the Regulation, the mahjong/tin kau licensed premises may be open with effect from 8 May 2020 to 21 May 2020, subject to the following major requirements and restrictions –

- (a) a person must wear a mask all the time within the premises;
- (b) body temperature screening on a person must be conducted before the person is allowed to enter the premises;
- (c) hand sanitisers must be provided at the premises for any person therein;
- (d) tables next to one another must not be made available for use at the same time or there is some form of partition which could serve as effective buffer between each table; and
- (e) tile sets must be replaced with cleaned ones every time a new player joins or application of disinfection materials with durable efficacy must be applied on the tile set.

3. For details of the lifting of certain social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance, please refer to the relevant Gazette Notice (https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20202428e/egn2020242839.pdf) the Government press release published on 5 May 2020 (www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202005/05/P2020050500874.htm).

4. Since the epidemic situation could still fluctuate, special arrangements may have to be re-introduced at short notice. Please continue to pay attention to further updates available on the website of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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