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To: Holders of Amusements with Prizes Licences

Dear Sir/Madam,

## Gambling Ordinance (Cap 148) No machines/devices of a gambling nature shall be installed/placed in premises issued with Amusements with Prizes Licences

Under the existing requirements, the licensing authority will not give approval to the installation/placing of games, game machines or devices with the presence of gambling elements (e.g. roulettes, slot machines, etc.) in premises issued with Amusements with Prizes Licences (AWPLs). For this purpose, the licensing authority imposes on the licensed premises a special condition in accordance with section 22(3) of the Gambling Ordinance (Cap 148) (the Ordinance), stipulating that except for the games approved, no other machines/devices and/or games of amusement with prizes, which are gambling in nature, shall be installed or placed for use or operation in the licensed premises.

According to section 22 of the Ordinance, where a condition of the AWPL is contravened, the licensee commits an offence unless he proves that the contravention occurred without his consent or connivance and that he exercised all due diligence to prevent it. Contravention of a condition of the AWPL is liable to prosecution by the Police, and the licensing authority may also cancel the AWPL issued at any time under section 22 of the Ordinance.

You must therefore strictly comply with the Ordinance and all licensing conditions.

In addition, if you provide incorrect/false information about the games (including the playing methods, nature of prizes, appearance of the game machines, etc.) in your application to the licensing authority, or the games of amusement with prizes (including the playing methods, nature of prizes, appearance of the game machines, etc.) provided are different from the games approved by the licensing authority, the licensing authority may withdraw the approval and demand you to immediately stop providing the games concerned in your licensed premises.

We request your full co-operation with the licensing authority to ensure that the games of amusement with prizes in licensed premises comply with the Ordinance and all licensing conditions. Should you have any enquiries on the above, please contact our Licensing Officers on 2594 5813 or 2594 5823.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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c.c. Commissioner of Police (Attn: SP(Licensing Office))