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To all hotels owners and operators

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Fire Safety Advice on Direct Telephone Line (DTL)
Connecting between the Automatic Fire Alarm System of your hotel and
Fire Services Communication Centre**

Recently, a fire occurred in one of the hotels in Hong Kong. A subsequent investigation revealed that the DTL for Automatic Fire Alarm System connecting the concerned hotel to Fire Services Communication Centre was unreasonably suspended. You are advised that the provision of the DTL is one of essential Fire Service Installations (FSI) of the hotel. By suspension of DTL, the hotel operator breached the licensing condition of the hotel, and he/she might also contravene the Fire Service Regulations. In addition, such malpractice will materially hamper the overall operational emergency of Fire Services Department in responding to emergency to the hotel and increase the danger to life and property that would result from the outbreak of fire.

I would like to draw your attention to the condition 9 of the licence. You are required to provide proper maintenance of the approved Fire Service Installations and Equipment of your hotel and to ensure that they are in efficiency working order at all times. Failure to comply with may result my consideration to exercise the discretion under Section 10 of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance to **suspend or cancel the licence**.

Furthermore, you are also advised to observe Regulation 8 of the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations, Cap95B and I reproduce hereunder for your reference.

“The owner of any fire service installation or equipment which is installed in any premises shall-

- (a) keep such fire service installation or equipment in efficient working order at all times; and
- (b) have such fire service installation or equipment inspected by a registered contractor at least once in every 12 months.”

Failure to comply with the said regulation may result in the contemplation of legal action against you by Fire Services Department, and upon conviction, you shall be liable to a fine at level 5.

If you have any enquiries to the above fire safety matters, please contact Mr. CHAN Hon-kit at 2881 7496.

Yours faithfully,

(H. K. TANG)

for Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Authority