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To: Operators of Amusement Game Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Latest Directions by the Secretary for Food and Health published on 28 April 2021 (Government extends social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance)

Taking into account the enhanced anti-epidemic capabilities in Hong Kong and with the steady progress of the vaccination programme, the Government considers it an opportune time to adopt a new direction in fighting the pandemic and relax certain restrictions with 'vaccine bubble' as the basis, with a view to responding to the aspirations of various trades and the public to resume normal daily lives as soon as possible. The Government gazette directions and specifications under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). The requirements and restrictions under the latest directions come into effect on 29 April 2021 for a period of 14 days till 12 May 2021.

2. Scheduled premises including amusement game centres (i.e. those under the definition stipulated in the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435)) may continue to open when the relevant requirements and restrictions are fulfilled. (e.g. ensuring that users scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code using the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application on their mobile phones or register their names, contact numbers and the dates and times of their visits before the persons are allowed to enter the premises; and arranging for all staff involved in the operation of the premises to undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 once every 14 days). Your particular attention is drawn to the newly added alternative measure among others:

Arrangements must be made for all staff members involved in the operation of the premises to undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) every 14 days starting from 22 April 2021 and ensure that the staff obtain SMS (mobile phone text message) notification containing the result of the test before 6 May 2021 and the end of every subsequent 14-day period and keep record of each SMS notification for 31 days; or, adopt alternative measure, which is ensuring that the relevant staff member involved in the operation of the business on the premises has completed a COVID-19 vaccination course and should keep the vaccination record as proof of vaccination.

3. For details of the latest directions in relation to scheduled premises, please refer to the Government press release¹ issued on 28 April 2021 and Government Notice (GN) 250 of 2021².

¹ The press release is accessible at https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202104/28/P2021042800868.htm?fontSize=1

² GN 250 of 2021 is accessible at https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/202125115e/egn202125115250.pdf

- 4. As the epidemic situation could fluctuate, you are requested to pay attention to the updates on the various social distancing measures available from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health.
- 5. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in fighting the virus.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)
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