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To: All Club Certificate of Compliance Holders or Responsible Persons
All Hotel / Guesthouse Licensees or Responsible Persons

Dear Sir/Madam,

Government announces enhanced Vaccine Pass function

The Government announced on 8 August 2022 the addition of the Red Code and Amber Code into the Vaccine Pass to differentiate persons with higher risk of infection of the COVID-19. Starting from 9 August 2022, confirmed cases will be categorised as persons with a Red Code, and inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan will be categorised as persons with an Amber Code. Their Vaccine Pass QR codes will be displayed in red or amber accordingly. Persons-in-charge of premises should deny entry of relevant persons to relevant premises in accordance with relevant rules.

Restricting persons under the categories of Red/Amber Code from entering specified premises

2. The Government issued directions according to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) that with effective from 9 August 2022: -

- (a) the person-in-charge/manager of **club-houses and karaoke establishments** shall deny entry of persons (including customers, visitors, and staff members involved in the operation of the business on the premises) holding Red Code and deny entry of customers or visitors holding Amber Code; and.
- (b) the person-in-charge/manager of **hotels and guesthouses** should deny entry of persons (including customers, visitors, and staff members involved in the operation of the business on the premises) holding Red Code (except persons who are required to undergo isolation at relevant hotels or guesthouses in accordance with their isolation orders). The person-in-charge/manager should also deny entry of customers or visitors holding Amber Code to catering business premises (including bars or pubs), amusement game centres, bathhouses, fitness centres, places of amusement, places of public entertainment, party rooms, beauty parlours and massage establishments, club-houses, clubs or nightclubs, karaoke establishments, mahjong-tin kau premises, sports premises, swimming pools, event premises, barber shops or hair salons and religious premises (if any) inside the hotels or guesthouses.

Requirements applicable to catering business premises and scheduled premises

3. In respect of the persons under the category of Red Code and Amber Code, the person-in-charge/manager of the premises should carry out the following measures: -

- (a) to visually inspect the Vaccine Pass QR codes of customers shown on the LeaveHomeSafe mobile application (if applicable), to ensure that customers or visitors are not holding Red Code and Amber Code (as depending on case) since 9 August 2022;
- (b) to update their scanner to version 4.4.0 or above as soon as possible before 12 August 2022; and
- (c) to ensure that the relevant mobile devices maintain Internet connection (through wireless network or data card) during the operating hours of the premises no later than 23 August 2022.

(Note: for details of the above requirements, please refer to the Government press release¹ issued on 8 August 2022, and Government Notice (GN) 750 of 2022² and GN 751 of 2022³.)

4. The Office of the Licensing Authority of the Home Affairs Department will arrange to conduct inspections to various premises to ascertain the compliance to the directions. Please continue to pay attention to further updates from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)
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Chief Officer (Licensing Authority)
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¹ The press release is accessible at www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/08/P2022080800771.htm

² GN 750 of 2022 is accessible at www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/202226274e/egn202226274750.pdf

³ GN 751 of 2022 is accessible at www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/202226274e/egn202226274751.pdf