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30 March 2006

Dear Sir/Madam,

Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance

Further to the circular letter No. ES 01/05 of 18 April 2005 issued by this department concerning a new Ordinance which would replace the existing Animals and Plants (Protection of Endangered Species) Ordinance (the repealed Ordinance), please be informed that the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (the new Ordinance) has been published in the Gazette on 10 March 2006.

Similar to the requirements under the repealed Ordinance, import, export or possession of endangered species, including any part or derivative, requires a licence issued in advance by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department under the new Ordinance. However, certain controls have been simplified, such as not requiring a licence for the import or possession of certain specimens of Appendix II species and the issue of a licence is on the basis of individual shipment or keeping premises rather than individual species. To reflect the changes adopted at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES*, new species are included, such as Humphead Wrasse. Please also note that control is extended to cover all medicines containing endangered species.

The new Ordinance will come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works by notice published in the Gazette.

For [details of the new Ordinance](#), you may either refer to the Gazette or browse our website at www.cites.org.hk.

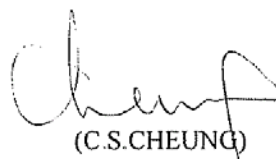
To facilitate traders and parties concerned to acquaint with the new Ordinance and the changes in control, a public briefing will be held on 29 May 2006. Apart from introducing the major content of the new Ordinance, the briefing will also have a Question and Answer session. Details of the public briefing are as follows:

Date	Time	Venue	Language
29.5.2006 (Monday)	7:30pm-9:30pm	Hong Kong Central Library Lecture Theatre, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.	Cantonese (Question and Answer session in English will be provided if needed)

You are cordially invited to attend the above-mentioned public briefing. In view of the limited seating available, if you are interested to attend the briefing, please register by returning the reply slip at Annex by mail or fax to this department on or before 19 May 2006.

Should you have any queries, please contact our Mr. C. L. Kung at 2150 6984 or Ms. B. M. Koh at 2150 6967.

Yours faithfully,



(C.S.CHEUNG)

for Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

*CITES = Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

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Reply Slip

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Dear Sir,

**Public Briefing on
the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance**

I received the circular letter dated 30 March 2006 of your department.
*I/_____ members of my association/company will attend the public briefing to be held
by your department at 7:30pm on 29 May 2006 at the Hong Kong Central Library
Lecture Theatre.

Signature:

Name:

Name of Company/Association:
(if applicable)

Corresponding Address:

Telephone no:

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Date:

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