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Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice to Importers and Exporters of Ramin Wood and Its Products

Records show that your company is or may be engaged in the import and export of ramin wood or its products. This notice is to remind you of the control on the import and export of these materials in Hong Kong.

All species of the plant genus *Gonystylus*, commonly known as ramin, are listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which means that the international trade in the species is subject to regulation. To meet the international requirements, the Animals and Plants (Protection of Endangered Species) Ordinance, Cap.187, Laws of Hong Kong, has been amended. With effect from 18 February 2002, the import and export of ramin wood or its products are subject to control under the Ordinance. For the import of ramin wood or its products from Indonesia, an export permit issued by the Indonesian CITES Management Authority is required. If the import is from countries other than Indonesia, the materials must be accompanied by either a certificate of origin or a re-export permit issued by the CITES Management Authority of the exporting country. Similarly, the export of ramin materials from Hong Kong requires an Export Licence issued in advance by this Department. Failure to comply with the requirements is an offence and may be liable on conviction to a maximum penalty of \$500,000 fine and 1 year imprisonment.

Please note that Indonesia has imposed an export ban on ramin species, with the only exception of timber and products that have been proved to be originated from PT. Diamond Raya Timber and its associated processing company PT. Uniseraya.

For details on application of Export Licence and other pertinent information, please contact our Endangered Species Protection Division (tel.no.: 2150 6999; fax no.: 2376 3749) or visit our web site at www.afcd.gov.hk/con_new/homepage.htm.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms Phoebe SZE at 2150 6983 or Mr C. K. Wong at 2150 6972.

Yours faithfully,

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