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To Pet Importers and Transport Agents

Dear Sir/Madam,

Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations, Cap. 139A, The Laws of Hong Kong Proposal to permit/special permit fee revisions

In the 2013-14 Budget delivered in February 2013, the Financial Secretary has mentioned that the Government needs to ensure that it has a stable income by preserving tax revenue and adhering to the "user pays" principle in order to uphold fiscal sustainability and prudent management of public finances. The provision of government services to individual citizens or organisations is generally charged in accordance with the "user pays" principle. To prevent cost recovery items being turned into heavily subsidised items, the Government has been reviewing the fees and charges. The Government would first deal with fees that have not been revised for years and do not directly affect people's livelihood, as well as items which have low cost recovery rates. The Government has also undertaken that there would not be substantial revisions at one go to avoid affecting people's livelihood.

The existing permit/special permit fees under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations have been in force since 1 July 1996. Due to inflation and increase in operational costs over the years, the current fees and charges can no longer reflect the actual capital expenditure and the cost of the services. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has considered and reviewed the relevant fee items, and proposed to introduce appropriate adjustments to each of them. The proposed fee adjustments are expected to take effect within the financial year of 2015-16. AFCD will also strictly control costs and reduce the need for increasing fees and charges as far as possible in the future.

Please find attached the proposed revised fees table to the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations. If you have any comments on the proposed fee adjustments, please send your comments to AFCD through email, by post or fax by 9 February 2015. Our contact details are as follows:-

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Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: Proposed permit/special permit fees table to the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations

覆函請寄交「漁農自然護理署署長」 Please address all replies to the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

建議的《公眾衞生(動物及禽鳥)規例》費用 (擬於二零一五至一六財政年度內生效)

<u>Proposed Fees Prescribed in the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations</u> (<u>Proposed to be effective within the financial year of 2015-16</u>)

(將動物或禽鳥移離船隻或飛機的許可證/特別許可證費用) (Fees for permit/special permit to remove animal or bird from vessel or aircraft) 每一單位(或其部分)的 每一附加單位(或其部分) 費用(元) 的費用(元) 動物或禽鳥的類別 單位數量 Fee for one unit (or part Fee for each additional unit Category of animal or bird Size of unit thereof) (\$) (or part thereof) (\$) 建議費用 Proposed fee 建議費用 Proposed fee 牛隻 50 隻 1. 940 375 Cattle animals 2. 綿羊、山羊及豬 100 隻 940 375 Sheep, goats and pigs animals 3. 馬科動物 1 隻 815 120 **Equines** animal 4. 初生家禽 500 隻 365 86 Day-old poultry birds 5. 禽鳥(初生家禽除外) 50 隻 Birds (other than day-old 365 86 birds poultry) 爬蟲(作食物用的龜隻除外) 6. 200 隻 Reptile (other than turtles for 365 86 animals food) 7. 齧齒動物及兔形目動物 50 隻 365 86 Rodents and lagomorphs animals 8. 狗及貓 1 隻 470 110 Dogs and Cats animal

365

365

86

86

200 公斤

kg

1 售

animal

9.

10.

作食物用的龜隻

Turtles for food

的動物

above

其他沒有在以上各項中訂定

Other animals not provided for