

To whom it may concern:

**Exemption under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at
Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C)**

In accordance with section 4(1)(b) of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C), the Chief Secretary for Administration has designated the following category of persons for exemption from the compulsory quarantine arrangement:

Certified public accountants (practising), partners, directors or employees of practice units registered with the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) under the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50), who are required to travel to the Mainland to conduct audit work for companies listed on a recognised stock market (as defined by section 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571)) and having Mainland operations, to assist those companies to fulfil their obligations under relevant Ordinances or other regulatory instruments that govern the operation of the companies or their business.

2. On 26 July 2020, the Government announced that the Chief Secretary for Administration had approved under section 4(3) of Cap. 599C to, among other things, vary the conditions attached to exempted persons under the above-mentioned category. Accordingly, with effect from 29 July 2020, the following additional exemption conditions will be applied to relevant exempted persons arriving from the Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”):

Each exempted person must fulfil the following conditions:

- (1) Subject to condition (2), all exempted persons must have a negative result of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test done at an ISO15189-accredited laboratory or a laboratory recognised by the Government where the laboratory is located with the specimen collected within 48 hours prior to boarding the flight to Hong Kong.
- (2) For those who do not possess a negative result, they must take a post-arrival SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test at the Department of Health (DH)’s Temporary Specimen Collection Centre or any other location as designated by DH upon arrival at HKIA, and either wait for the results there, or self-isolate for 48 hours.

The above additional conditions are also applicable to authorisations issued previously

to exempted persons.

3. Should you have any enquiry, please contact Miss Gillian Chan (2528 9156 or qexemption@fstb.gov.hk) of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau or Mr. Eddy Wong (2287 7082 or 599Cexemption@hkiipa.org.hk) of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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