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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (Cap 424) and
Consumer Goods Safety Ordinance (Cap 456)
Notification of Approved Testing Services**

In view of the mutual recognition arrangement between your Organisation and the Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) which provides accreditation for laboratories through the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS), I am pleased to inform you that any laboratory you have accredited in respect of tests on products which are classified as toys, children's products and consumer goods under the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance (TCPSO) and the Consumer Goods Safety Ordinance (CGSO), Laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), is an "approved laboratory" for the purpose of the two Ordinances, subject to the definition and conditions given in the following paragraph.

2. Under section 9(1) of the TCPSO and section 2 of the CGSO, "approved laboratory" means a laboratory approved in writing by the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology of the Government of the HKSAR for the purpose of testing toys and children's products and to conduct specified tests on consumer goods respectively under the Ordinances. The Commissioner has approved the following categories of laboratories as "approved laboratories" for the purpose of the two Ordinances:

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- all laboratories accredited under HOKLAS; and
- all laboratories accredited under those Schemes which have concluded mutual recognition agreements with HOKLAS,

subject to the following conditions:

- this approval is confined to those tests in respect of which the laboratories are accredited and the results of which are issued on test reports or certificates bearing the accreditation symbol of the accreditation body granting the accreditation;
- the approval in respect of a laboratory automatically lapses once its accreditation becomes invalid. Where the invalidation is only in respect of a particular test or tests, this approval in respect of that test or those tests automatically lapses upon the invalidation of accreditation;
- this approval in respect of all those laboratories accredited by an accreditation body which has concluded a MRA with HKAS automatically lapses once the MRA becomes invalid; and
- the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology reserves the right to terminate this approval in respect of any laboratory whenever he sees fit.

3. I would be most grateful if you would inform your accredited laboratories of the above. For details, your accredited laboratories may wish to refer to the links <http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/psis/srca/toys.htm> and <http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/psis/srca/consumergoods.htm> for details on the standards, regulations and conformity assessment requirements in Hong Kong for toys and children's products and consumer goods respectively, and <http://www.legislation.gov.hk/eng/home.htm> for details of the two Ordinances. Further enquiries may be directed to our office at (852) 2829 4815 or psib@itc.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,



(W. W. Wong)
for Commissioner
for Innovation and Technology