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To: All Companies Registered Under Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reduction of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) Import Quota in 2010

According to the new HCFCs accelerated phase-out schedule of the Montreal Protocol decided in the Meeting of the Parties held in September 2007, the import quota for Hong Kong in 2010 needs to be reduced to 25% of the baseline level of 1989. The quota will be reduced further to 10% and 0.5% of the baseline level in 2015 and 2020 respectively. We have informed all companies registered under the Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance of this phase-out schedule in January 2008. This letter serves as a notice to inform all potential HCFCs importers that the HCFCs import quota will be reduced to 34.73 weighted tonnes (25% of the baseline level) starting from 1 January 2010.

Based on the import statistics of previous years, we would expect a deficit of quota in 2010 and hence there is a need to revise the current quota allocation system to ensure minimum impacts to the trade. We will revise the system by changing the ratio of normal/free quota allocation from 60/40 to 80/20 in 2010. We would expect that this change would help give some relief to the active importers due to the drastic cut in HCFCs import quota arising from the HCFCs accelerated phasing-out programme.

After quota reduction, the quantity of the normal quota (amount to 80% of total quota) and free quota (amount to 20% of total quota) will be reduced to 27.78 weighted tonnes and 6.95 weighted tonnes respectively in 2010.

Apart from this, other procedures of the quota allocation system will remain the same. That is, the normal quota will be allocated to registered companies based on their import performance in the previous year and the free quota will be allocated to the registered companies on a first-come-first-served basis.

Should you have any comments on the above please submit your comments to 33/F., Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, on or before 8 September 2009 or contact the undersigned at Tel: 2594 6275.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Environmental Protection