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Walter LI  
Chairman, Airline Operators Committee,  
Hong Kong International Airport,  
Lantau, Hong Kong.

Dear Walter,

**The Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021**

The Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 (“The Ordinance”) will come into operation on 30 April 2022. The Ordinance bans the import, promotion, manufacture, sale, and possession for commercial purposes of alternative smoking products (ASPs).

ASPs are defined under the Part 2 of Schedule 7 to the Ordinance. In general, ASPs cover herbal cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and heated tobacco products (HTPs), as well as the components and accessories designed for use with e-cigarettes and HTPs. The Ordinance does not apply to pharmaceutical products registered under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance. The import of ASPs by way of parcels, cargoes, and bringing in by incoming travellers is prohibited, but articles carried by persons in transit at the Hong Kong International Airport without passing through immigration control are exempt.

For more details, please refer to the enclosed pamphlet and the full enactment of the Ordinance which can be downloaded at the following link (<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20212543/es12021254339.pdf>), or visit the website of the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office at <http://www.taco.gov.hk>.

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to enlist support from all airline operators to broadcast the Television Announcement in Public Interest at the link ([https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pu6sUME3QTbVV\\_yb8A3FCcWN7L\\_UF15d?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pu6sUME3QTbVV_yb8A3FCcWN7L_UF15d?usp=sharing)) or broadcast an in-flight message onboard to facilitate travellers to know more about the Ordinance and its requirements. We would also like airline operators to display a notice or the enclosed poster at airline check-in counters at Out-Ports or distribute the pamphlet to the travellers. Should you wish to obtain copies of the pamphlet or poster or have any enquiries, please contact 2961 8823.

Thank you very much for your support in working towards a tobacco-free Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



( Dr. Janet KWAN )  
for Director of Health

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