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To: Operators of Mini-Storage/Self-Storage Companies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Serious Consequences of Storage of Dangerous Goods in Mini Stores

The Fire Services Department (FSD) is the controlling authority of Category 2 to 10 Dangerous Goods (excluding Liquefied Petroleum Gas) on land in Hong Kong. It is common knowledge that storage of dangerous goods (DG) in min-storage/self-storage cubicles may create great fire risk and serious threats to firefighters and other building occupants in case of fire.

It is understood that mini-storage and self-storage operators (**Operators**) will not permit storage of **any DG** pursuant to general terms and conditions (contractual agreement) between operators and customers. It is also understood that **no** inspection of stored articles are conducted by operators to ensure compliance of the above-mentioned **NO DG** requirement. To know more about our regulatory control on DG, you may browse the Fire Protection Notice No. 4 – Dangerous Goods or download it from FSD's website:

http://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/eng/source/notices/Fire_Protection_Notice_No_4.pdf

For normal operation of the storage facilities, you are reminded to abide by the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, Cap 295 (DGO). Any person who contravenes the relevant provision commits an offence, and is liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for 6 months upon conviction.

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To avoid contravening DGO and avoid creating fire hazards arising from storage of DG in mini-storage/self-storage cubicles, you are strongly advised to devise effective management or operational procedures to prevent customers from depositing DG in storage cubicles through, say, physical inspection of storage cubicles, negative manifests, declaration forms, civil liability, etc. Where there is reason to suspect that the DGO is contravened by any of your customers, please report to the Fire Services Communication Centre on the **24-hour telephone hotline 2723 8787**.

Contravention of DGO may void any insurance policy you may have with insurance company.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Dangerous Goods Division of the Licensing and Certification Command of FSD during **office hour** at **2417 5757**. For enquires **outside office hours** and reporting hazards concerning DG, please contact Fire Services Communication Centre on the **24-hour telephone hotline 2723 8787**.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Fire Services

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