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Dear Mr Lau,

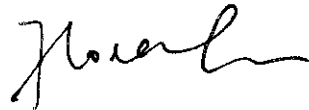
**Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) Regulation:
Proposal for Establishing New Restricted Zones**

When the captioned Regulation was discussed at the Economic Services Panel Meeting on 15 January 2004, the Panel Chairman welcomed the proposal to set up more restricted zones, and requested for information on enforcement actions taken by the Administration in the existing restricted zones as well as the number of patrols held and prosecutions made in 2003.

In 2003, the Marine Department deployed seven boats to patrol restricted zones and their vicinity areas as part of their regular harbour patrol service to ensure marine safety. Each patrol boat deployed four officers for surveillance and inspection of vessels. During peak seasons of water activities, the Department stepped up the frequency of patrol so that each restricted zone was patrolled on a daily basis. In addition to the Department, the Marine Police was also involved in the enforcement of speed restrictions in the restricted zones. A total of 22 prosecutions of offenders speeding in the restricted zones were made.

The Administration is grateful to Panel Members for their support for the captioned Regulation, and will continue to ensure compliance of vessels with the statutory speed limits in the existing and new restricted zones.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Florence Chan', written in a cursive style.

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