Subcommittee on Dutiable Commodities (Liquor) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 and Dutiable Commodities (Liquor Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2015

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 26 February 2015

Referring to the Annex to the Administration's response to issues raised at the meeting on 17 February 2015 [LC Paper No. CB(2)913/14-15(04)], the Administration was requested to provide further information as follows -

- (a) a breakdown of the complaints substantiated against liquor-licensed premises in each of the 18 districts in the past three years by (i) enforcement action taken; (ii) verbal warning made; and (iii) written warning made against the liquor-licensed premises concerned; and
- (b) in relation to the liquor-licensed premises with record of substantiated complaints, the number of licence renewal applications being (i) refused; (ii) approved with a full term licence period (at present one year); and (iii) approved with a licence period shorter than a full term and/or with additional licensing conditions respectively in the past three years.

2. Members were concerned about whether public interest was duly protected in the vetting process of liquor licence applications. The Administration was requested to provide guidelines and/or procedures that the Liquor Licensing Board had been following with a view that the grant of the licence would not be contrary to public interest.