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To: Chief Executives of all authorized insurers

Dear Sirs,

Sale of Insurance Policies to Mainland Pregnant Women

It has recently come to our attention that some insurance intermediaries are alleged to be involved in illegal activities relating to the arrangement of accommodation and other services in Hong Kong for Mainland pregnant women.

I would like to remind you that solicitation of insurance business in the Mainland without the relevant licence is an offence under Mainland laws. In addition, as the principal insurers of appointed insurance agents, you have an obligation to ensure that your insurance agents comply with all laws of Hong Kong. Conviction of any criminal offence in Hong Kong or elsewhere may render them not fit and proper to be registered as appointed insurance agents.

To enable your agents to have a better understanding of the legal issues relating to the provision of short term rental accommodation under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance, the Home Affairs Department is prepared to offer briefing sessions in this regard. If you are interested to arrange such briefings for your agents, you may contact Mr Yu Tak Cheung, Chief Officer (Licensing Authority) of the aforementioned Department at Tel. No. 2881 7016 for further details.

Yours faithfully,

(D.W.H. Liu)
for Commissioner of Insurance

c.c. The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers