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Mr Peter Burnett  
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Dear Mr Burnett,

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 2021 to the Chief Secretary for Administration, concerning the risk classification of the United Kingdom (the UK) and travel arrangement for unvaccinated children with vaccinated parents. I have been authorised to reply on his behalf.

With effect from 4 June, the UK has been specified as a Group B specified place under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Cap. 599H). Separately, based on the “vaccine bubble” concept and the relevant risk levels, the HKSAR Government has shortened the compulsory quarantine periods for fully-vaccinated persons arriving at Hong Kong who have not stayed in extremely high-risk or very high-risk places. The shortened compulsory quarantine periods are for the time being only applicable to persons who have completed their COVID-19 vaccination course. Accordingly, persons who are not able to be vaccinated will still be subject to compulsory quarantine with the existing quarantine periods. For any minors to be quarantined, the Department of Health upon request would generally allow one of the parents to accompany their children to take care of them. If necessary, a caretaker arranged by the parents (who can be a relative, parents’ adult friend or domestic helper) could be allowed to accompany the quarantined child. As you may be aware, the Secretary for Food and Health approved on 3 June the lowering of the age limit for receiving BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine to age 12. This will lead to a wider vaccination coverage, and hence more families should be able to benefit from the shortened quarantine period for vaccinated persons.

Please rest assured that the HKSAR Government will continue to closely monitor the situation, and adjust the relevant arrangements as appropriate based on the principle of openness and transparency. If you require further information, please contact Ms Leonie Lee, Principal Assistant Secretary (Health)1 of the Food and Health Bureau, at 3509 8949 or leonielee@fhb.gov.hk.

The Chief Secretary for Administration has asked me to thank the British Chamber of Commerce and chamber members for the support to our anti-epidemic effort. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the international business community in bringing Hong Kong back to normal before long.

Yours sincerely,



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