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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proper Use of Suitable Safety Helmet with Chin Strap on Construction Sites

I refer to the letter of 19 January 2018 on the captioned matter and inform you that the revised Guidance Notes on the Selection, Use and Maintenance of Safety Helmets (“GN”) has just been published in June 2018. While hard copies of the revised GN are available free of charge at divisional offices of the Occupational Safety and Health Branch of the Labour Department (“LD”), the soft copy can be downloaded from LD's webpages via below hyperlinks:

- *English version:* http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2_8d.htm
- *Traditional Chinese version:* http://www.labour.gov.hk/tc/public/content2_8d.htm
- *Simplified Chinese version:* http://www.labour.gov.hk/chs/public/content2_8d.htm

2. The main focus of the revision is to clearly spell out that chin strap is an integral part rather than an accessory of a safety helmet for better head protection to the workers. The proper use of chin strap is important to keep the helmet in place to prevent it from dropping off and thus enhances the protection against impact on the workers’ heads, in particular during a fall from height.

3. Regulation 48 of the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations, Cap.59I (“the Regulation”), requires a contractor responsible for a construction site and any contractor who has direct control over any construction work to:

- (a) provide each workman, employed on the site or employed to carry out the construction work, with a suitable safety helmet; and
- (b) take all reasonable steps to ensure that, no workman or workman employed to carry out the construction work, remains on the site unless he is wearing a suitable safety helmet.

4. The Regulation also requires that no person shall enter a construction site unless he is wearing a suitable safety helmet. Pursuant to the revision of the GN, a safety helmet without a chin strap will not be regarded as a **suitable** safety helmet. Reference will be made to the revised GN when LD enforces the Regulation.
5. In addition, LD will continue to update the contents of other occupational safety and health publications issued. The GN prevails regarding the specifications and use of the safety helmets.
6. If you have any enquiries about this letter, please feel free to contact the Occupational Safety and Health Branch of LD at 2559 2297.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical line on the left, a horizontal line at the bottom, and a curved line on the right that loops back towards the top.

(LAW Yat-sun)

for Commissioner for Labour