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To: All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 6/2009
Preparedness for Outbreaks of Human Infectious Disease

The Government has just declared the activation of the Serious Response Level as a result of outbreak of the human swine flu in various places around the world.

We wish to remind you, as an employer, to take suitable precautions to protect your employees against infection in their daily routines. Topical information can be found on the website of the Centre for Health Protection (http://www.chp.gov.hk).

In the event that your company’s ability to maintain lifts/escalators or carry out emergency rescue operations has been adversely affected due to reduced staffing levels at work, resulting from infection or otherwise, you are required to notify this department as soon as possible. Lift or escalator services should only be allowed to continue when their operation can be safely ensured.

Yours faithfully,

(George LING)
for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Service

c.c. The Director of Housing
    The Director of Architectural Services
    The Lift and Escalator Contractors Association
    The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Ltd.
    The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees