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ESTATE AGENTS AUTHORITY

Dear Licensees,

**Re: Consultation on Proposal to Amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance for Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions**

The Estate Agents Authority (“EAA”) was informed by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (“FSTB”) recently that a two-month consultation exercise on a proposal to amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance (Cap. 615) is being launched. The proposed amendment is about requiring designated non-financial businesses and professions (“DNFBPs”) to conduct customer due diligence when they engage in specified transactions and maintain records on customer identification and transactions for at least six years.

Estate agents, being one of the DNFBPs and stakeholders, are invited to give their views on the proposal. The EAA encourages all licensees to submit written views on the proposal as your opinion is valuable to FSTB in forming the details of the new legislation. Details of the relevant consultation document is available on the webpage of FSTB: [www.fstb.gov.hk/fsb/ppr/consult/consult\\_eaml.htm](http://www.fstb.gov.hk/fsb/ppr/consult/consult_eaml.htm)

Written views on the proposal can be sent to FSTB by mail (Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, 24/F, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong), by fax (2527 0790), or by email ([aml\\_consultation@fstb.gov.hk](mailto:aml_consultation@fstb.gov.hk)) on or before 5 March 2017.

Estate Agents Authority

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