

Dear Licensees,

Re: Disposition of Subsidised Sale Flats in the Open Market

The Estate Agents Authority ("EAA") would like to draw your attention again to the issue of illegal disposition of subsidised sale flats ("SSF") in the open market.

The EAA has been notified by the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") that some estate agents might have participated in the illegal letting of public housing flats sold under the Tenants Purchase Scheme according to recent news reports. As stipulated in the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) or the terms of the Deed of Assignment and the terms, covenants and conditions contained in the Government lease, SSF owners are prohibited from selling, letting, mortgaging or in any way alienating or parting with interests of their flats unless the specific requirements are met, such as payment of premium or obtaining the approval of the Director of Housing.

Licensees are reminded to refrain from handling the selling or letting of SSF subject to restrictions on alienation under the Housing Ordinance or the Deed of Assignment and the Government Lease where the aforementioned requirements have not been met, failing which, the transaction shall be void. Any person who purports to let, sell, alienate the SSF or enter into a relevant agreement which is void commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for one year.

Licensees may contact the HA at 2712 2712 for any enquiries on the above matter.

Estate Agents Authority