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Circular No. 01-14 (CR)

Posting Unauthorised Bills and Posters

The Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) stipulates that any person who posts bills and posters in the streets and public places of Hong Kong without the permission of the Secretary for the Environment and Food commits an offence. If convicted, the offender is liable to a fine of \$10,000 and an additional daily levy of \$300.

Enforcement officials of the Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene regularly inspect the streets, especially black spots where illegal posting is rife, to remove unauthorised bills and posters. Where someone is found to be in the act of posting unauthorised bills and posters, the enforcement officials will issue summons on the spot. The beneficiaries of such publicity materials may also be prosecuted. According to statistics supplied by the Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene, from early 2000 to 31st May 2001, 197 estate agents were prosecuted for the offence.

Practitioners are reminded that they should not post bills and posters in public places without permission, and the consent of the owner and/or occupier must also be obtained if the publicity materials are to be posted on private properties.

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This Circular should be made available for the
information of all staff engaged in estate agency work