Date: 05 February 2013

Advisory to General Waste Collectors ("GWCs")

Dear Sir/Madam

Unsafe Overloading of Waste Collection Vehicles
Effective as of 1 March 2013, the National Environment Agency ("NEA") will be reporting overloaded refuse vehicles to the Land Transport Authority ("LTA") as part of our efforts to improve safety.

We wrote to all GWCs on 13 Apr 2011, and further informed them in our dialogue sessions on 9 and 14 February 2012, that vehicles exceeding their maximum laden weight ("MLW") would be reported to LTA for enforcement. Over the past few months, we have also been sending warning letters to GWCs whose vehicles are found to be overloaded. Overloading can damage a vehicle's chassis and affect its stability during steering and braking. This compromises the safety of both your drivers and other road users.

Please note that any person who causes or permits motor vehicles to carry a load in excess of their registered MLW would be in contravention of Rule 46 of Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (Cap. 276, R. 5).

Penalty For Overloading
Both the drivers of overloaded vehicles and the GWCs owning the overloaded vehicles may, upon conviction, be fined up to $1000.00 or sentenced up to 3 months in jail for the first offence.

For the 2nd or subsequent conviction, both the drivers and companies owning the overloaded vehicles may be fined up to $2000.00 or sentenced up to 6 months in jail.

Please inform all your administrative staff and drivers of the contents of this advisory.

Please call Ronald Li/Ho Rongjian at Tel: 67319793/67319221 during office hours if you need clarifications.

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