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For the sake of environmental protection, we always appeal to the undertakers of burials to use coffins that comply with environmental protection requirements. They are advised not to order coffins fitted with plastic/metal ornaments to minimize environmental pollution during cremation.

To better control the admission into the government crematoria for cremation of coffins fitted with metal or plastic ornaments and attachments on the external surface, we will impose additional licensing conditions on licensed undertakers of burials. The new conditions are scheduled to be fully enforced from 1 October 2007.

We have an established set of policies with regard to the breach of licensing requirement/condition. If licensed undertakers of burials are found to be in breach of the above-mentioned additional licensing condition, we will take punishment action in accordance with relevant policies. The details are as follows:

(a) If 3 breaches of any licensing requirement/condition resulting in 3 warning letters have been registered in respect of the licensed/permitted premises within a period of 12 months, the licence will be subject to suspension for 2 days (First Suspension);

(b) If within 12 months from the date of the last breach leading to the First Suspension, 3 further breaches resulting in 3 warning letters have been registered in respect of the same licensed premises, the licence will be subject to suspension for 4 days (Second Suspension); and

(c) Thereafter, within 12 months from the date of the last breach leading to the Second Suspension, 3 further breaches resulting in 3 warning letters have been registered in respect of the same licensed premises, the licence will be subject to cancellation.

We will discuss with the licensed undertaker concerned before setting the licence suspension date to prevent any inconvenience to members of the public.

Coffins suitable for cremation:



Coffins not suitable for cremation:



Separately, funeral objects, particularly metal or plastic objects, should not be put into the coffins to avoid emission of harmful substance or dark smoke.

We sincerely appeal to the undertakers of burials and members of the public to make an effort to protect the environment.

Thank you for your cooperation!