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By Email Only

To: Chief Executives of all Authorized Insurers, Responsible Officers of all Licensed Insurance Broker Companies and Responsible Officers of all Licensed Insurance Agencies

Dear Sirs,

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Programme**

I am grateful to you for responding positively to our circular letter of 1 June 2021 by arranging your staff and intermediaries to acquire inoculation against COVID-19. Vaccination is the most reliable way to protect ourselves and people around us against health risks brought about by an infection and avoid operational disruptions. At present, 81% of staff working for the Insurance Authority have received two jabs.

With mutated virus strains causing sporadic outbreaks in different parts of the world, uncertainties remain on the pathway to full resumption of global business activities. However, many economies are already contemplating progressive steps to cope with the new normal. For this reason, I am writing to urge you to strongly encourage all staff and intermediaries of your company to get inoculated by 30 November 2021, after which anyone who have not received the first dose of vaccine or are medically unfit to do so should undergo testing for COVID-19 every two weeks. As employers, you are also expected to provide facilitative measures for those seeking vaccination.

Together we have persevered over a most challenging period over the past two years, and I look to your support in striving through the rest of this journey.

Yours faithfully,

Clement Cheung  
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The Hong Kong Confederation of Insurance Brokers  
Professional Insurance Brokers Association