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Dear Ms Wong,

(1) Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments
(2) Resealing of Grants of Probate and
Letters of Administration

I am writing to provide the latest results of our enquiries on the above topics. I am pleased to be able to convey the following information to you for the benefit of your members but must reiterate our earlier caveat that the interpretation and application of the law on these subjects are, of course, matters upon which they must take their own advice.

Singapore

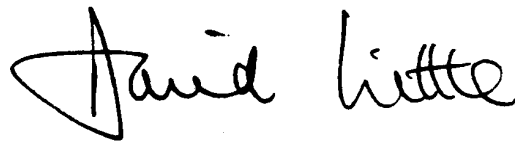
We have been informed by the Attorney General's Chambers of Singapore that Part I of their Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act has been extended to judgments of the HKSAR, by the Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China) Order 1999.

① The Attorney General's Chambers of Singapore has ~~also~~ informed us that the Probate and Administration (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China) Notification 1999 has been made, applying the effect of section 46(1)(b) of Singapore's Probate and Administration Act to the Hong Kong SAR.

Italy

Arrangements for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments between Hong Kong and Italy were formerly provided for in a treaty between Italy and the UK. That treaty has ceased to apply to the HKSAR since 1 July 1997. Nevertheless, we have been informed that civil and commercial judgments of the HKSAR may still be recognized and enforced in Italy on the basis of reciprocity, in the same way as before.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Little". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

(David Little)
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