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### **NOISE EMANATING FROM COMMERCIAL PREMISES AT OCEAN VILLAGE AND NEARBY COMMERCIAL PREMISES.**

Under the terms of the Leisure Areas (Licensing) Act, the Government is empowered to issue licences, one of the benefits and effects of which is that the premises are exempt from “noise nuisance” restrictions contained in other laws. These licences are issued on terms that seek to protect residential neighbours from unreasonable noise disturbance, especially at night.

Despite the issue of reminders and warnings, it has not been possible to ensure that residential neighbours are protected from unreasonable noise disturbance. Accordingly, the Government will, with effect from next week, modify all such licenses to remove the exemption from the noise nuisance provisions of Sections 272 and 273 of the Criminal Offences Act and Sections 96 and 97 of the Public Health Act.