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**The COVID-19 epidemic alert is lowered to Level 2 from July 27
AEA has adopted relevant measures in response to the said change**

On July 23, CECC announced that it will lower the epidemic alert from Level 3 to Level 2, effective from July 27, because the epidemic was slowed down domestically. In order to smooth the administrative execution business of AEA, all administrative executions start to implement normally under the epidemic prevention regulations announced by CECC, and the following measures will be taken by the branches of AEA from now on:

1. Giving priority to the enforcement of the cases of epidemic regulation violations.
2. The joint auction held on the “first” “Tuesday” of every month, starting at “3” p.m.” will restart from August, every branch shall follow the epidemic prevention measures required by certain epidemic alert level, and implement crowd control (real name registration), ensure everyone wear masks, keep social distance, maintain the seating arrangement within the venue, and make sure the auction venue is in compliance with the “Guidelines for large-scale public gatherings in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak” enacted by CECC, the “COVID-19: Guidelines for Social Distancing” announced by CECC and other latest news.
 - (I) Personal property: the auction will be restarted, if the branch considers that the people within the auction venue will exceed the limit on the number of people in gathering indoors, the auction will be held outdoors. (For example, during the period of Level 2 alert, the limit on the number of people in gatherings is 50 people indoors, and 100 people outdoors.)
 - (II) Real properties: in principle, the auction will all be conducted with communication bidding, however, if the bidding room meets the requirements of the said regulations, then the branch may adopt the communication bidding and on-site bidding concurrently.

3. When asking the obligor to report his asset status at the branch office, a table partition must be installed on the inquiry table, and the distance between the officer and obligor must be kept at least 1.5 meters apart.
4. If the obligor is effected by the COVID-19 epidemic and receives relief payment or other relevant payment from the government, the said payment shall not be the subject of enforcement in accordance with the laws; if any of the said relief payment and relief loan is seized, the obligor may contact the branch and provide explanation, once the explanation has been verified, the seizure will be revoked as soon as possible.
5. During the epidemic, if the obligor has financial difficulties or is categorized as a disadvantaged group, the branch shall adopt lenient enforcement measures or allow the obligor to pay in installments.

Although the domestic epidemic has slowed down, the public shall remain vigilant and continue to follow relevant epidemic prevention measures. Do not let the epidemic slowdown create any breach on the epidemic prevention. For the cases violating the epidemic prevention regulations, all branches will continue to enforce actively in accordance with laws, especially against those who ignore the epidemic prevention regulations during Level 3 alert period, and are fined because of not wearing masks or gathering. The branches will enhance the seizure of deposits, automobiles and real properties, also may impose the restrictions on leaving the country when necessary, or submit applications for arrest or taking into custody to demonstrate the public power and fully implement the epidemic prevention policies of the government. If the obligor has financial difficulties during the epidemic, the obligor may contact the officer in charge of the branch by telephone. Depend on the specific situation of the obligor, the branch may adopt lenient enforcement measures or provide care referral services to help the obligor get through the tough period.