

**Letterhead of THE HONG KONG SHIPPERS' COUNCIL**

The Hon. James Tien, JP,  
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Room 611, Hutchison House,  
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Dear

Competitiveness of the Hong Kong Port

In response to your remarks made during the Economic Services Panel discussion on 26th February 2001 about the proliferation of charges and surcharges relating to shipping of cargoes from Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Shippers' Council is now conducting a survey on the different charge items and their levels that shippers are currently paying. The Council concurs with the view that the increasing number of charge items, and that many of them are not subject to negotiation nor consultation with shippers, have effects on the competitiveness of the Hong Kong port. The Council is going to complete the survey in two months' time and we will forward a summary of the analysis for your scrutiny.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Willy Lin  
Chairman