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LegCo Panel on Economic Services

MID-STREAM FEE

Introduction

On the introduction of the mid-stream service fee coupon system on 1 March 2001 there was dispute between the truckers and the mid-stream operators regarding the operation of the system.

Present Position

2. The Hong Kong Mid-Stream Operators Association Limited and the China-Hong Kong Transportation Joint Meeting Group met on 5 March and reached agreement on taking appropriate steps to ensure the mid-stream fee coupon system can be temporarily implemented, pending the establishment of a new mechanism that can satisfy all parties concerned.
3. A copy of the joint statement issued by the two Associations is attached for members information.

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**HONG KONG MID-STREAM OPERATORS ASSOCIATION LIMITED
CHINA-HONG KONG TRANSPORTATION JOINT MEETING GROUP
JOINT STATEMENT**

The Hong Kong Mid-Stream Operators Association (HKMOA) and the China-Hong Kong Transportation Joint Meeting Group agree to take appropriate steps to ensure the mid-stream service fee coupon system can be temporarily implemented, pending a new mechanism, which will satisfy parties concerned, to be established. Both parties came to this consensus based on a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding to maintain a smooth port operation.

The China-Hong Kong Transportation Joint Meeting Group urges its members to cooperate with the existing coupon system as an interim measure and the HKMOA urges its members to be flexible in implementing this mechanism.

Both parties are confident that the consensus reached will allow mid-stream operators to maintain their normal operations as well as protect the interests of all parties involved. Both parties understand that it is necessary to ensure a smooth implementation of the coupon system until another mechanism is established.