

**Bills Committee on
Import and Export (Electronic Transactions) Bill 2001**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 22 January 2002**

- (1) To provide details of the 30 posts which will be deleted as a result of the implementation of the electronic data interchange system for cargo manifests (EMAN).
- (2) To consider refining the drafting of proposed section 32A along the line of the Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) Regulation 2001 so that the Commissioner of Customs and Excise can only exercise his power to require carriers to submit cargo manifests in paper form as an option or as the sole means under exceptional circumstances.
- (3) Any notice in respect of the mandatory use of electronic manifests published by the Commissioner should be in the form of subsidiary legislation and subject to the scrutiny of the Legislature.
- (4) To set a clear transitional period for EMAN with a view to encouraging early participation of the trades.
- (5) To consult the S-logistics Project Group of the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council on processing submission of road mode manifests by electronic means and to brief the LegCo Panel on Commerce and Industry on the outcome of the feasibility study.
- (6) To increase the transparency of consultation on EMAN charges. Apart from carriers, the Administration should also consult the Trade and Industry Advisory Board, Textile Advisory Board and various chambers of commerce so that users are aware of the additional cost.
- (7) To provide a paper setting out the proposed fee packages for users with different years of service contract with Tradelink.