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**Bills Committee on
Revenue Bill 2002 and Revenue (No. 2) Bill 2002**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 23 May 2002, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Margaret NG, (Chairman)
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, JP
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

Members absent : Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP

Public officers attending : Mr Martin GLASS
Deputy Secretary for the Treasury

Mr Edward MAK
Assistant Secretary for the Treasury

Mr Simon WONG
Assistant Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Miss Miranda NG
Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

Clerk in attendance : Ms Connie SZETO
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)4

Staff in attendance : Ms Bernice WONG
Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Mr S C TSANG
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)7

I Meeting with the Administration

- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1777/01-02 -- Administration's response to concerns raised by members at the meeting held on 16 May 2002
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1781/01-02(01) -- Supplementary information provided by the Hong Kong Wine Industry Coalition dated 21 May 2002
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1799/01-02 -- Administration's response to other submissions on the two Bills
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1817/01-02(01) -- Information paper provided by the Administration on survey on retail prices of wine in places outside Hong Kong
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1817/01-02(02) -- Information paper provided by the Administration on duty assessment on wine
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1817/01-02(03) -- A table provided by the Administration on duty-paid quantity and duty collection of popular beer in 1999/2000 to 2001/2002
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1817/01-02(04) -- Newspaper cuttings from Hon Tommy CHEUNG on retail prices of wine

The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at the **Annex**).

Admin 2. The Administration undertook to take follow-up actions as follows:

- (a) to provide information on wine duty charged by comparable overseas jurisdictions, including Thailand, Japan, Korea, Philippines and Malaysia;

- (b) to provide information on the consequences and course of actions to be taken by the Administration in the event that the Revenue Bill 2002 was not passed, in particular the arrangement for repayment of duty collected in accordance with the Public Revenue Protection (Revenue) Order 2002; and
- (c) in connection with the media reports dated 22 May 2002 on the high retail price on wine charged by restaurants, to inquire whether the Government had held media briefing, or released information to the media, or been approached by the media for information on the matter.

3. The Bills Committee had completed its deliberations. Subject to further views by members on the Administration's responses to paragraph 2 above, the Bills Committee would submit its report to the House Committee at its meeting on 7 June 2002.

(Post-meeting note: Members raised no objection to the Administration's responses to paragraph 2 above which had been circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1897/01-02 and 1912/01-02 on 31 May and 1 June 2002 respectively.)

II Any other business

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:15 pm.

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Bills Committee on Revenue Bill 2002 and Revenue (No. 2) Bill 2002
on Thursday, 23 May 2002 at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000153	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000153 - 001803	Administration Chairman	Briefing on the following matters: (a) responses to other submissions on the two Bills; (b) duty-paid quantity, duty collected and changes in duty rate in respect of each type of liquor listed in Schedule 1 to the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance for the period from 1992 to 2001, and in respect of beers of different price ranges for the period from 1999/2000 to 2001/2002; (c) profit tax collected from wine-related businesses; (d) survey on retail prices of wine in places outside Hong Kong; and (e) duty assessment on wine.	
001803 - 002017	Administration	Explanation on the mechanism for duty assessment on wine	
002017 - 002211	Chairman Administration	Enquiry on the definition of "relevant time" for duty assessment purpose	
002211 - 003557	Mrs Selina CHOW Mr Tommy CHEUNG Chairman Administration	Concern on like-with-like comparison on wine duty between Hong Kong and other economies	
003557 - 004225	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr Andrew WONG Chairman Administration	Concern on whether the media reports dated 22 May 2002 on high retail prices on wine charged by restaurants were instigated by Administration's briefing	

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
004225 - 005354	Mr Andrew WONG Chairman Administration	Comments that the switch from the specific-cum-ad valorem duty to ad valorem duty since 1994 had led to some "trading down" activities to cheaper priced liquor	
005354 - 010150	Mrs Selina CHOW Mr Tommy CHEUNG Mr Andrew WONG Chairman Administration	(a) Request for information on wine duty charged by other economies; and (b) Clarification on whether the media reports dated 22 May 2002 on high retail prices on wine charged by restaurants were instigated by Administration's briefing	Admin
010150 - 010201	Mr Andrew WONG	Concern on the name of the wine samples surveyed by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1817/01-02(01))	
010201 - 010604	Chairman Mr Andrew WONG Administration	Clause-by-clause examination of the two Bills	
010604 - 010808	ALA1 Chairman Administration Mr Andrew WONG	The consequences if the Revenue Bill 2002 was not passed. Repayment arrangements for duty collected in accordance with the Public Revenue Protection (Revenue) Order 2002	
010808 - 010923	Chairman Mrs Selina CHOW Administration	Request for information in response to ALA1's enquiry	Admin
010923 - 011427	Clerk Mr Andrew WONG Mrs Selina CHOW Chairman	Legislative timetable	

Note : The audio records of the above proceedings are kept at the Legislative Council Library.