

HONG KONG RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
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Hon Fred Li Wah-ming, JP
Chairman,
Legco Panel on Food Safety and
Environmental Hygiene
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road,
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Mr Li,

RECENT PROBLEMS OF FRESH PORK SUPPLY

I refer to the Special Meeting of the Legco Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene regarding the discussion in relation to the supply of fresh pork in Hong Kong as well as the principle and policy of fair competition. On behalf of the Hong Kong Retail Management Association, I would like to express our views towards the subject in question.

Hong Kong has over the years based its success on a free market principle. The Association believes that it is vital to maintain this principle and practice of free market and free trade to ensure the continuous long-term stability and prosperity of Hong Kong. We feel that a laissez-faire approach should be maintained as far as possible by the HKSAR Government. Therefore, the Association does not see the need to enact a competition law. Consumers have in general been benefited from Hong Kong's highly competitive environment.

The Association therefore hopes that the Panel could review the captioned issue in light of our views as stated above.

Yours sincerely,

Yu Pang Chun
Chairman

c.c. Mrs. Selina Chow, Legislative Councillor, Wholesale & Retail