

**Chronology of motions to reduce/extend the concessionary duty rate
for Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel (ULSD)**

Date of Council meeting	Remark
22 July 1998	Motion to amend Part III of Schedule 1 to the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance to reduce the duty rate on light diesel oil by 30% from \$2.89 per litre to \$2.00 per litre until 31 March 1999, as implemented by a Public Revenue Protection Order on 22 June 2004 (the motion was subsequently carried at the Council on 22 July 1998). This was one of the special relief measures announced by the Government. The concession was subsequently extended twice until 31 December 2000.
27 June 2000	Proposed resolution under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance to introduce a concessionary duty rate on ULSD was passed. The duty rate was \$1.11 per litre during the period from 7 July 2000 to 31 December 2000; \$2.00 during the period from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001; and \$2.89 from 1 January 2002 onwards. This aimed to encourage the use of ULSD, which is an environmentally cleaner fuel than light diesel oil.
20 December 2000	Proposed resolution under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance to extend the concessionary duty rate (at \$1.11 per litre) on ULSD to 30 June 2001 was passed. This aimed to relieve the operating pressure on transport trade.
20 June 2001	Proposed resolution under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance to extend the existing concessionary duty rate (at \$1.11 per litre) on ULSD to 31 March 2002 was passed. This aimed to relieve the operating pressure on transport trade.
13 March 2002	Proposed resolution under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance to extend the existing concessionary duty rate (at \$1.11 per litre) on ULSD to 31 March 2003 was passed. This aimed to relieve the operating pressure on transport trade.

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19 March 2003	Proposed resolution under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance to extend the existing concessionary duty rate (at \$1.11 per litre) on ULSD to 31 March 2004 was passed. This aimed to relieve the operating pressure on transport trade.
24 March 2004	Proposed resolution under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance to extend the existing concessionary duty rate (at \$1.11 per litre) on ULSD to 31 December 2004 was passed. This aimed to relieve the operating pressure on transport trade.

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