Bills Committee on Hazardous Chemicals Control Bill

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 28 June 2006

- (1) To review the definition of "manufacture" under clause 2 to reflect the policy intent of excluding scheduled chemicals which are unintentionally produced.
- (2) To review the drafting of the Bill in respect of the mode of implementation of the Stockholm Convention and the Rotterdam Convention applicable to Hong Kong in local legislation to ensure consistency with other similar legislation, including the Waste Disposal (Amendment) Ordinance, particularly when the proposed scope of control under the Bill is wider than the two Conventions to cover non-convention chemicals. Consideration should be given to specifying convention and non-convention chemicals in different schedules for the sake of clarity. Legislative amendments to convention chemicals can be subject to negative vetting while non-convention chemicals should be done by positive resolution.
- (3) To consider amalgamating the Bill and the Pesticides Ordinance (Cap. 133) to establish a complete control regime on hazardous chemicals in the long run.

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