

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Legislating against the use of
artificial trans fats in food production”
moved by Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 14 March 2007**

Motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

“That, as the health problems caused by trans fats in food have increasingly aroused international concern, and cardiovascular disease is the second leading cause of deaths in Hong Kong, with medical research also revealing that consumption of food containing trans fats will increase the risk of contracting coronary heart disease, and given that some countries such as Denmark have legislated as early as 2003 to prescribe the permissible maximum level of trans fats in food, the use of artificial trans fats in food production in restaurants will also be gradually banned in places such as New York, Chicago and Massachusetts to safeguard public health, this Council urges the Government to follow the practice of these places to expeditiously legislate against the use of artificial trans fats in food production in local restaurants, to prescribe the permissible maximum level of trans fats for all imported and locally produced food, and to expeditiously legislate for the Labelling Scheme on Nutrition Information and, when implementing Phase I of the Scheme, require the trans fats contents in food to be listed on the package labels for identification by consumers.”