Bills Committee on Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill 2007

First meeting on 24 January 2008

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting

- 1. The Administration is requested to provide a paper comparing the Amendment Bill with comparable overseas legislation on false trade descriptions and misleading representation regarding price indication, after-sale services, and connection with sponsorship of celebrities or prestigious organizations. The comparison should cover aspects including the purpose and scope of the legislation, the specific trade malpractices targeted at, effectiveness of the provisions in prohibiting the trade malpractices, and enforcement difficulties, if any.
- 2. In order to address members' concern about the restrictive scope of the Amendment Bill, the Administration is requested to consider and give written responses to members' views and suggestions, as follows:
 - (a) To consider extending the scope of the proposed section 13A to cover "計量單位" (unit of measurement) and other situations of misleading price indications by making suitable reference to relevant provisions of the Weights and Measures Ordinance (Cap. 68); and
 - (b) To reflect to the Consumer Council on the need to regulate false or misleading representation on sale of goods or services conducted through mail, telephone or Internet orders, and to regulate false or misleading information or representation provided in advertisements on products or services.

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