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Bills Committee on Product Eco-responsibility Bill

**Minutes of the fifteenth meeting
held on Monday, 16 June 2008, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
- Members absent** : Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
- Public officers attending** : Environmental Protection Department

Mr Albert LAM, JP
Deputy Director of Environmental Protection

Mr Alfred LEE
Assistant Director (Waste Management Policy)

Mr TE Chi-wang
Senior Administrative Officer (Waste Management
Policy Division)

Mr Patrick LIU
Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional
South)

Department of Justice

Miss Shandy LIU
Senior Government Counsel
Law Drafting Division

Clerk in attendance : Miss Becky YU
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance : Miss Kitty CHENG
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

I Meeting with the Administration

- (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1801/07-08(02) -- List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 5 June 2008
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1857/07-08(01) -- List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 10 June 2008 at 1:00 pm
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1857/07-08(02) -- List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 10 June 2008 at 4:30 pm
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 1894/07-08(01) -- List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 12 June 2008
- LC Paper No CB(1) 1918/07-08(01) -- Further submission from Hong Kong Retail Management Association (English version only)
- LC Paper No CB(1) 1918/07-08(02) -- Administration's response to list of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 5 June 2008
- LC Paper No CB(1) 1918/07-08(03) -- Administration's response to list of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 10 June 2008 at 1:00 pm
- LC Paper No CB(1) 1918/07-08(04) -- Administration's response to list of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 10 June 2008 at 4:30 pm
- LC Paper No CB(1) 1918/07-08(05) -- Administration's response to list of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 12 June 2008)

The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex A**).

2. The Administration was requested to include in the speech to be delivered by the Secretary for the Environment at the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill that any change in the level of environmental levy would take effect after the expiry date of the scrutiny period for the relevant amendment under the negative vetting procedure.

II Any other business

3. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:35 am.

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**Proceedings of the
Bills Committee on Product Eco-responsibility Bill
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Time Marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000 - 001236	Chairman Administration Ms Audrey EU Mr WONG Ting-kwong Ms Miriam LAU	Examination of the consolidated version of all the Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) proposed by the Administration (tabled at the meeting and circulated under Annex to LC Paper No. CB(1)1918/07-08) Administration's explanation on the CSAs to clauses 9, 10, 17, 21 and 26 in response to members' requests at the meeting on 12 June 2008	
001237 - 002121	Chairman Ms Miriam LAU Administration	Discussion on the vetting of amendments to Schedule 3 Administration's explanation - (a) there would be sufficient time for members to consider the drafting of and propose amendments where necessary to Schedule 3 under the negative vetting procedure as it concerned only the level of the environmental levy and prior consultation on the amendments would be held; and (b) the Secretary for the Environment (SEN) would include in his speech to be delivered at the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill that any change in the level of levy would take effect after completion of scrutiny of the relevant amendment under the negative vetting procedure	The Administration to include in the speech to be delivered by SEN at the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill that any change in the level of levy would take effect after the expiry date of the scrutiny period for the relevant amendment under the negative vetting procedure
002122 - 002848	Ms Miriam LAU Mr Vincent FANG Chairman	Discussion on the submission from Hong Kong Retail Management Association (HKRMA) regarding registration of retail outlets (LC Paper No. CB(1)1918/07-08(01)) Chairman's reference to the summary of deputations' view (LC Paper No. CB(1)1032/07-08(03)) regarding the Administration's response to HKRMA's view on the same subject	

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		<p>Mr Vincent FANG and Ms Miriam LAU's views -</p> <p>(a) consultation with retailers on the implementation details of the levy scheme should be conducted as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for training of staff; and</p> <p>(b) the trades' concerns should be adequately addressed when formulating regulations</p> <p>Administration's agreement that there would be adequate consultation with retailers on the implementation details when formulating regulations on the levy scheme on plastic shopping bags (PSBs)</p>	
002849 - 002858	Mr WONG Ting-kwong Administration	<p>Mr WONG Ting-kwong's enquiry on whether retailers would be required to pay a registration fee under the levy scheme</p> <p>Administration's explanation that no registration fee was imposed under the Bill</p>	
002859 - 003024	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Administration Chairman	<p>Miss CHAN Yuen-han's enquiry on the implementation time-table of the levy scheme</p> <p>Administration's response that the levy scheme was expected to be implemented within the second quarter of 2009 at the earliest</p>	
003025 - 003649	Chairman Administration	<p>Discussion on Administration's response to the lists of follow-up actions arising from the discussions on 5, 10 and 12 June 2008 (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1918/07-08(02) to (05))</p>	
003650 - 003758	Chairman	Legislative timetable	
003759 - 004436	Mr Vincent FANG Chairman Administration Ms Miriam LAU	<p>Mr Vincent FANG's concern about the difficulty in distinguishing between food and medicine under proposed section 1 of Schedule 4, and that greater flexibility should be allowed for exemptions to retail outlets</p>	

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		Administration's explanation that food and medicine were defined under proposed section 2 of Schedule 4	

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