Bills Committee on Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2008

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 13 June 2008

- (1) To refine both the Chinese and English renditions of 26K(2)(d) in consultation with the Legal Adviser to the Bills Committee.
- (2) To advise the basis upon which the fine of \$30,000 per tonne of excessive emission under section 30B(a) is arrived at. To also consider increasing the fine for second or subsequent conviction under proposed section 30B(b) from \$30,000 per tonne to \$60,000 per tonne.
- (3) To consider including a separate penalty arrangement for provision of false, incorrect and misleading information in respect of emissions of the specified pollutants with reference to the Product Eco-responsibility Bill.
- (4) To include in the speech to be delivered by the Secretary for the Environment at the resumption of Second Reading debate of the Bill that the consultation with the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) under clause 26M(4B) in respect of an application for acquisition of emission credits will be conducted in accordance with the established procedure of ACE under which all relevant papers will be made available for public inspection, and that the Panel on Environmental Affairs will also be consulted accordingly.

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