

**Subcommittee on Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge)
(Amendment) Regulation 2008**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 26 May 2008**

- (1) The Administration is requested to provide information on the following:
 - (a) Of the 384 samples collected in the survey of effluents from the restaurant trade in August and September 2005, the number of restaurant operators whose effluent samples had a chemical oxygen demand (COD) value below the mean of 1 630 grammes per cubic metre (g/cu. m.) and those exceeding the prescribed cap of 2 000 g/cu. m., and the follow-up actions (such as the number of prosecutions) taken against the latter category;
 - (b) The number of restaurant operators who are required to pay \$7,000 or below and \$7,000 to \$15,000 per year for the rates of trade effluent surcharge (TES) in each of the past three years;
 - (c) In a table form, setting out the estimated laboratory cost for conducting the reassessment, the original and the new TES rates payable by successful appellants;
 - (d) Examples of legislative provisions allowing the Government to refund the cost of reassessment to the successful appellants; and
 - (e) The number of restaurant operators who have lodged further appeals against the TES rates with the Administrative Appeals Board in the past three years
- (2) The Administration is requested to consider members' suggestion of classifying the restaurant trade into two groups for the purpose of redesigning the TES rates. In calculating the TES rates, consideration should be given to the size and effectiveness of the grease traps installed by operators discharging effluents with strengths, say, above 5 000 g/cu. m..