

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

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 3 June 2008**

Regarding the table provided by the Administration listing the average and median Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) values for the 30 trades and the respective trade effluent surcharge (TES) rates payable by individual trades (LC Paper No. CB(1)1783/07-08(01)), the Administration is requested to provide information on/account for the following:

- (a) The basis/computation method in deriving the TES rates for the 30 trades based on the median COD values.
- (b) The reason(s) why a median COD value which is lower than the respective average COD value will give rise to a higher TES rate, as in the case of "distilling, rectifying and blending spirits", "vegetable oil, peanut oil, peppermint oil and aniseed oil", and "restaurants".
- (c) The irregularities that for trades with median COD values lower than the average values, the TES rates based on the median COD values are higher than that based on the average COD values except for two trades (i.e. "dairy products" and "soy and other sauces").
- (d) The reason(s) why the average COD values for three trades (i.e. "spinning cotton", "paints, varnishes and lacquers" and "pulp, paper and paperboard") are stated as "not applicable", and how the median COD values and the TES rates for respective COD values for each of the three trades have been worked out.