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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Promoting the development of the
testing and certification industry in Hong Kong”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 570/08-09 issued on 7 May 2009, Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan and Hon Fred LI Wah-ming have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen’s motion on “Promoting the development of the testing and certification industry in Hong Kong” scheduled for the Council meeting of 20 May 2009. As directed by the President, Hon Tommy CHEUNG’s and Hon Fred LI’s amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. To assist Members in debating the above motion and the two amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) Hon Andrew LEUNG moves his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Andrew LEUNG’s motion, and orders a joint debate;
- (c) the President calls on the two Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon Tommy CHEUNG; and
 - (ii) Hon Fred LI;

- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) joint debate on the motion and the two amendments follows thereafter;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon Andrew LEUNG to speak for the second time on the two amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) again to speak;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the two Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon Tommy CHEUNG to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on the amendment;
- (i) after Hon Tommy CHEUNG's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with Hon Fred LI's amendment to the motion; and
- (j) after Hon Fred LI's amendment has been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Andrew LEUNG to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Andrew LEUNG's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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Encl.

**Motion debate on
“Promoting the development of the
testing and certification industry in Hong Kong”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 20 May 2009**

1. Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen

That Hong Kong has a professional and established testing and certification industry which brings substantial benefits to our economy and helps safeguard the interests of consumers both locally and overseas; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to grasp the market opportunities and draw up a comprehensive plan to facilitate the growth of this industry by:

- (a) outsourcing more government testing services to private laboratories;
- (b) promoting the service of the industry in the Mainland and in the region;
- (c) strengthening the local accreditation system to enable the industry to engage in a wider range of testing services;
- (d) reinforcing the reputation of the industry by concluding more mutual recognition agreements overseas; and
- (e) widening the scope of food testing in the interests of consumers.

2. Motion as amended by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan

That *recently the Task Force on Economic Challenges has identified the testing and certification industry as one of the six economic areas where Hong Kong has enormous potential for development and considered that this industry could benefit Hong Kong's economy in the medium and long term; moreover,* Hong Kong has a professional and established testing and certification industry which brings substantial benefits to our economy and helps safeguard the interests of consumers both locally and overseas; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to grasp the market opportunities and draw up a comprehensive plan to facilitate the growth of this industry by:

- (a) outsourcing more government testing services to private laboratories;
- (b) *striving to further relax the restrictions on the industry to establish businesses in the Mainland under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement* and promoting the service of the industry in the Mainland and in the region;
- (c) strengthening the local accreditation system to enable the industry to engage in a wider range of testing services;

- (d) reinforcing the reputation of the industry by concluding more mutual recognition agreements overseas; ~~and, so as to enhance international confidence in export products manufactured in Hong Kong and the Mainland;~~
- (e) widening the scope of food testing in the interests of consumers;
- (f) *introducing tax incentives and other encouragement policies to enhance the development of the industry; and*
- (g) *discussing with local institutes and organizations to encourage them to provide more testing-and-certification-related training programmes to ease the shortage of specialists in the industry.*

Note: Hon Tommy CHEUNG's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

That, *as Hong Kong has a professional and established testing and certification industry which whose reputation and independence have boosted the confidence of overseas buyers, and in view of the growing Mainland market, the industry* brings substantial benefits to our economy and helps safeguard the interests of consumers both locally and overseas; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to grasp the market opportunities and draw up a comprehensive plan to facilitate the growth of this industry by:

- (a) outsourcing more government testing services to private laboratories;
- (b) promoting the service of the industry in the Mainland and in the region;
- (c) strengthening the local accreditation system to enable the industry to engage in a wider range of testing services, *including allocating more resources to the Hong Kong Accreditation Service for providing new accreditation service for food manufacturing process and establishing a certification system for organic food to facilitate consumers to recognize such products;*
- (d) reinforcing the reputation of the industry by concluding more mutual recognition agreements overseas; and
- (e) widening the scope of food testing in the interests of consumers.

Note: Hon Fred LI's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.