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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) 596 issued on 15 May 2009, Members are invited to note that the President has given permission for **Hon Fred LI Wah-ming** (who is to move the 2nd amendment to the motion) to **revise** the terms of his proposed amendment, if Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan’s amendment has been passed (*the terms of Hon Fred LI’s revised amendment are set out in item 4 of the Appendix*).

2. For Members’ ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**. To economize on the use of paper, hard copies of the Appendix containing the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, **will not** be provided to individual Members. However, two copies of the Appendix together with the relevant circular will be placed on the two wooden cabinets at the corridor between the Chamber and Ante-Chamber throughout the relevant Council meeting. In addition, two copies will be placed inside the Chamber (one at the last row of the Government Despatch Box near Entrance A and one at the other side of the Chamber near Entrance C, i.e. the entrance where two stewards are seated). If any Member wishes to obtain a personal copy, please contact Council Business Division 3 at 2869 9492 or 2869 9753.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl. (Appendix issued by email only)

**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.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan and Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

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; and*
- (h) 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.**

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

Hon Fred LI's amendment is underlined.