

**Subcommittee on  
Product Eco-responsibility (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulation**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion  
at the meeting on 19 March 2009**

- (1) Apart from the performance pledge in respect of applications for registration of registered retailers/retail outlets, to also include in the speech to be delivered by the Secretary for Environment at the moving of the resolution on the Regulation that the Environmental Protection Department will accommodate the special needs of an applicant in unforeseen circumstances as far as possible.
- (2) To review proposed section 8(5) in the light of the Administration's agreement to accept certified true copy of the business registration of the headquarters of a third party operator as proof to establish the fact that the area occupied by a third party operation in a host registered retail outlet does not form part of that outlet.
- (3) To provide a paper to the Panel on Environmental Affairs setting out details of the dedicated survey on plastic shopping bags (PSB) conducted in 2005, including the number of PSB collected from the 140 waste samples, the statistical approach/factor adopted in arriving at disposal figures for PSB from various types of retailers. To also include in the paper the methodology to be adopted for the dedicated survey on the disposal of PSB before the commencement of the scheme and annually thereafter. Consideration should be given to inviting the retail trade to observe how the survey is to be conducted. A more accurate way to ascertain the total number of PSB used in Hong Kong is to obtain such figures from manufacturers/importers/Customs and Excise Department.