

My views on the proposed abolishment of  
duty free concessions on tobacco products

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in response to the proposed Dutiable Commodities (Exempted Quantities) (Amendment) Notice 2010. I understand that the intention of this amendment notice is to abolish the duty-free concessions on tobacco products for incoming passengers to Hong Kong but small amounts of tobacco products (i.e. up to 19 cigarettes or 1 cigar or 25 grams of cigars, or 25 grams of other manufactured tobacco) for own consumption will be exempted to facilitate law enforcement.

I object to this proposed amendment, reasons being :

- This is practically difficult to enforce (a waste of time and resource) and I can't see any significant benefit that this will generate.
- This will not help reduce no. of smokers (nor smoking incidence) but will force some existing smokers to shift to buy illicit cigarettes.

Thanks.

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