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Waste Management Subcommittee Advisory Council on the Environment

(By fax 2511 3658)

Dear Sirs.

## The Environmental Levy Scheme for Plastic Shopping Bags - Related Statistics

In response to the paper on The Environmental Levy Scheme for Plastic Shopping Bags - Related Statistics (Paper WSMC 10/2009) prepared by the Waste Management Policy Division of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), the Hong Kong Retail Management Association submitted comments to the Waste Management Subcommittee of the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) on 26 November, 2009.

We trust that our comments on the related statistics in the EPD's paper should have been discussed at the 24th ACE Waste Management Subcommittee meeting held on 27 November, 2009. As the trade has been monitoring closely on the effectiveness of the levy scheme, we are very keen to know the response of the Subcommittee on the EPD's statistics as well as the comments that we but forward.

I would be most grateful to hear from the Subcommittee on this as well as to have the sharing of its recent review of the EPD's statistics on the levy scheme. For further liaison, you may contact Ms. Ruth Yu, Executive Director of the Association at 2866 8311.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours sincerely.

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