

Subcommittee on Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 and Waste Disposal (Refuse Transfer Station) (Amendment) Regulation 2013

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 2 January 2014**

To address concerns raised by members and deputations at the meeting, the Administration is requested to take the following actions –

Charges of refuse transfer stations ("RTSs")

- (a) to compare the impact on the utilization of RTSs and the operating costs of the private waste collection trade under the RTS fee reduction proposed by the Administration vis-à-vis fee abolition for all RTSs suggested by some members of the trade;
- (b) to advise whether the Administration will consider abolishing RTS fees to minimize the impact of waste diversion on the operating costs of private waste collection trade, and if not, the reasons;
- (c) to address the concern that the potential increase in the operating costs of private waste collection trade as a result of waste diversion from the South East New Territories ("SENT") Landfill (which does not charge fees for disposal of municipal solid waste ("MSW")) to fee-charging RTSs may render the business of small operators unsustainable or force the operators to pass the increased cost onto the affected waste collection service users;

Operation of RTSs

- (d) to compare the time of refuse collection vehicles ("RCVs") waiting for disposing MSW at the SENT Landfill before waste diversion and at RTSs (e.g. at the West Kowloon Transfer Station ("WKTS")) after waste diversion;
- (e) to address concerns raised by RTS users about the long waiting time during peak hours at RTSs, in particular at WKTS, and advise –

- (i) the Administration's assessment whether the situation may deteriorate after implementation of waste diversion and the RTS fee reduction proposal;
- (ii) how the facilities and operation of RTSs will be enhanced to shorten the waiting time; and
- (iii) the feasibility to extend the operating hours of RTSs;

Transitional arrangements for the implementation of the "Waste Diversion Plan" and RTS fee reduction proposal

- (f) to provide information on the transitional arrangements for the implementation of waste diversion, including the outcome of relevant consultation with the private waste collection trade, with a view to allowing adequate time for the trade to –
 - (i) discuss with their service users (e.g. building management committees or owners' corporations) about the impact on the operating costs and contract prices for renewal of waste collection service contracts; and
 - (ii) retrofit their RCVs with the new equipment to be specified in the Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) Regulation;

Liability of non-compliance in relation to the new RCV equipment standards

- (g) to clarify whether enforcement will take into account the actual circumstances to determine the liable party (i.e. RCV owner or RCV driver/user if they are not the same parties) in relation to non-compliance of the new RCV equipment standard, in particular whether RCV owners (who are not the RCV drivers/users or RTS/landfill users) will be liable for penalty if they failed to install the specified equipment for their RCVs.