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**Legal Service Division Report on
Industrial Training (Clothing Industry)
(Amendment) Bill 1999**

Object of the Bill

To remove lodgement in person as a method of lodging export declarations for clothing items.

LegCo Brief Reference

2. TIB 89/39/4 Part II issued by the Trade and Industry Bureau on 19 November 1999.

Date of First Reading

3. 24 November 1999.

Comments

4. The only purpose of the Bill is to remove from the Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 318) the provision allowing lodgement in person as one of the two existing methods of lodging export declarations of clothing items and its supporting provision (relating to specification of particular forms).

5. After the removal, the only method left will be lodgement by electronic data interchange (EDI).

6. According to the LegCo Brief, the Administration intends that the amendments shall take effect from 1 April 2000 so as to achieve compulsory EDI lodgement as from that date. For that purpose, similar amendments which are to take effect from the same date will also be made to the Import and Export (Registration) Regulation (Cap. 60 sub. leg.).

Public Consultation

7. Importers, exporters, major business associations and the Small and Medium Enterprises Committee have been informed about the phase-out of the paper-based method by April 2000.

Consultation with LegCo Panel

8. The Panel on Trade and Industry has been briefed of the phase-out plan in September 1999 (LegCo paper CB(1)1938/98-99).

Recommendation

9. The legal and drafting aspects of the Bill are in order. The Bill is ready for resumption of second reading debate.

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