

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE

Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 1999

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 20 July 1999, the Council ADVISED and the Acting Chief Executive ORDERED that, under section 36(2) of the Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance (“the Ordinance”), the Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 1999 (“the Order”) at the Annex, should be made.

BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT

Clothing Industry Training Authority

2. The Clothing Industry Training Authority (“the Authority”) was established to provide training courses for the clothing industry through its industrial training centres, to assist in the placement of its trainees and to make recommendations with respect to the rate of levy to be paid by exporters of clothing items.

Appointment to the Authority

3. Schedule 2 of the Ordinance stipulates that the Authority shall consist of 17 members. Section 1(c) of Schedule 2 stipulates that out of the 17 members, 2 shall be persons nominated by the Clothing Industry Training Board of the Vocational Training Council (“the VTC”). Representatives from the Clothing Industry Training Board of the VTC have been members of the Authority since 1982.

4. Following a review of the Training Boards and General Committees of the VTC in 1997, the Clothing Industry Training Board merged with the Textile Industry Training Board to form the Textile and Clothing Training Board with effect from 1 January 1998.

5. Given that the Clothing Industry Training Board no longer exists, section 1(c) of Schedule 2 of the Ordinance should be amended to remove the reference to the Clothing Industry Training Board of the VTC. We also consider it necessary for the Textile and Clothing Training Board of the VTC to be represented in the Authority. This is consistent with the Authority’s objective that members should come from relevant and representative industry organizations. We propose therefore that section 1(c) of Schedule 2 should read the Textile and Clothing Training Board.

THE ORDER

6. The Order at Annex provides that 2 members of the Authority

shall be persons nominated by the Textile and Clothing Training Board, instead of the Clothing Industry Training Board, of the VTC.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

7. The Order will be tabled in the Legislative Council for negative vetting at its sitting on 6 October 1999.

BASIC LAW IMPLICATIONS

8. The Department of Justice advises that the Order is consistent with the Basic Law.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

9. The Department of Justice advises that the Order has no human rights implications.

BINDING EFFECT

10. The amendment will not affect the current binding effect of the Ordinance.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no financial or staffing implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

12. The making of the Order has not changed the composition of the Authority. This is a technical amendment and public consultation was considered not necessary.

PUBLICITY

13. The Order will be published in the Gazette on 23 July 1999.

Education and Manpower Bureau
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