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## Legal Service Division Report on Proposed Resolution under section 13 of the Radiation Ordinance (Cap. 303)

The Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food ("the Secretary") has given notice to move a motion at the Legislative Council meeting to be held on 24 May 2006 to seek the Legislative Council's approval of:-

- (a) the Radiation (Control of Radioactive Substances) (Fee Revision) Regulation 2006; and
- (b) the Radiation (Control of Irradiating Apparatus) (Fee Reduction) Regulation 2006.
- 2. The draft speech of the Secretary reiterates the Administration's policy that fees should in general be set at levels sufficient to recover the full cost of providing the services. On the basis of the costing reviews, the Administration will either increase fees to achieve full-cost recovery by phases or reduce them to reflect the full costs in one go.

#### Radiation (Control of Radioactive Substances) (Fee Revision) Regulation 2006

- 3. Regulation 4(1) of the Radiation (Control of Radioactive Substances) Regulations (Cap. 303 sub. leg. A) prescribes the fees for the grant or renewal of licences for radioactive substances. The Administration seeks to increase such fees from \$2,770 to \$3,190.
- 4. Regulation 16(2) of the Regulations prescribes the fees for the issue of certified copy of medical examination certificate concerning fitness for employment involving unsealed radioactive substances. The Administration seeks to reduce such fees from \$95 to \$30.
- 5. The above fees were last revised in 1994.

### Radiation (Control of Irradiating Apparatus) (Fee Reduction) Regulation 2006

- 6. Regulation 11(2) of the Radiation (Control of Irradiating Apparatus) Regulations (Cap. 303 sub. leg. B) prescribes the fees for the issue of certified copy of medical examination certificate of fitness to engage in radiation work. The Administration seeks to reduce such fees from \$95 to \$30. The fee was last revised in 1994.
- 7. Categories 1 and 3 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations prescribe the fees for a licence to possess an irradiating apparatus in a non-functional state and a licence to use an irradiating apparatus. The Administration seeks to reduce the fees for the former licence from \$585 to \$410 and to reduce the fees for the latter licence from \$330 to \$160. These fees were introduced in 1997.
- 8. The proposed revision of fees as contained in the two Regulations was amongst the items of "Revision of fees and charges for services not directly affecting people's livelihood under the purview of Department of Health" considered at the meeting of the Panel on Health Services held on 10 April 2006. Members of the Panel did not raise any specific objection to the proposed revision of these fees.
- 9. The Administration proposes that these two Regulations to come into operation on 1 July 2006.
- 10. The drafting of the proposed Regulations presents so problem.

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