

**Subcommittee on Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge)
(Amendment) Regulation 2008**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 2 June 2008**

- (1) The Administration is requested to provide written information on the following:
 - (a) Regarding the survey of effluents from the restaurant trade in August and September 2005, the median Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) values among the 384 samples collected and among the 374 samples lying within two standard deviations from the mean, and the respective trade effluent surcharge (TES) rates payable by the restaurant operators.
 - (b) The number of applications for reassessment of TES rates received from the restaurant trade since the reduction in the sampling period from three to two days took effect, as well as the number of applications for reassessment of TES rates raised by the trade for the same period in 2005-06 and 2006-07.
 - (c) Whether an amendment moved by the Subcommittee or by a Member to delete "at his own expense" in section 4(1) of the Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) Regulation, or to introduce amendments to the effect that the costs of an applicant to vary the TES rates, would have any charging effect on Government revenue.
 - (d) In addressing the concerns raised by deputations, whether consideration would be given to streamline the reassessment procedures and to extend the validity period of the reassessed TES rate from two years to three years.

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