Subcommittee on Product Eco-responsibility (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulation

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 16 March 2009

- (1) To provide in proposed section 10 a right to a registered retailer to respond to the Director's case before revocation of an exemption approved under proposed section 9.
- (2) To state clearly in proposed section 12(1) that registered retailers operating less than three months are still required to submit quarterly returns.
- (3) To simplify the application for registration as far as possible. Information pertaining to a business registration under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310), such as address of registered office, name and address of individual partners of partnership, should not be repeated in the application and such information need not be updated separately under the Regulation.
- (4) To state clearly in the specified forms the party which will be held accountable/liable for provision of accurate information, since failure of which will be subject to criminal liability.
- (5) To include in the review of the environmental levy scheme the feasibility of using different plastic shopping bags for exempted counters and non-exempted counters to dispense with the need for quarterly returns for the former.
- (6) To relay to the Secretary for the Environment members' request for his presence at the next meeting on 19 March 2009.
- (7) To provide the Administration's response to members' concerns raised at the meetings on 13 and 16 March 2009, as well as the proposed amendments to the Regulation by close of play on 17 March 2009.

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