Subcommittee on Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) (Amendment) Regulation 2009

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 11 June 2009

- 1. To provide information on the outcome of implementation of measures and programmes to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions, to illustrate how the reduction target, from the emission level of 68 800 tonnes of VOC per year in 1997 to 31 000 tonnes per year by 2010, could be met.
- 2. To provide a rank order list of locally available products with high VOC content, which should include products under the Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation and Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) (Amendment) Regulation 2009 (the Amendment Regulation), and if appropriate, cleansing detergents for external walls of buildings.
- 3. To provide information on the measures and programme adopted or to be adopted by the Guangdong Provincial Government vis-à-vis those in Hong Kong to reduce VOC emissions, including progress of implementation and achievements of VOC emission reduction.
- 4. To explain why VOC emissions from power stations were not subject to statutory control.
- 5. To provide information on the way forward after implementing the Amendment Regulation and meeting the VOC emission reduction target in 2010 with a view to further improving the air quality of Hong Kong, including proposed measures and the environmental/health/economic benefits to be attained.
- 6. To provide information on the results of the Administration's review on the need to impose liability on the retailers subsequent to the operation of the Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation.

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