Bills Committee on Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Bill 2015

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 9 April 2015

The Administration is requested to –

- (a) in respect of any piece of regulated electrical equipment ("REE") which is defined in the Bill, clarify whether the proposed recycling fees would be payable in respect of the REE concerned in the following situations and provide the relevant legal justifications
 - (i) if an individual purchases a piece of REE in Hong Kong but uses or distributes the item outside Hong Kong and the item is discarded in or outside Hong Kong;
 - (ii) if an individual purchases a piece of REE from overseas but uses or distributes the item in Hong Kong and the item is discarded in or outside Hong Kong;
 - (iii) if an individual purchases a piece of REE from overseas through online shopping and uses or distributes the item in Hong Kong and the item is discarded in or outside Hong Kong;
 - (iv) if an individual purchases a piece of REE which is a parallel import from a local seller and the individual uses or distributes the item in Hong Kong and the item is discarded in or outside Hong Kong; and
 - (v) if an individual purchases (either locally or from overseas) certain electrical/electronic components to assemble a piece of REE for his/her own use in Hong Kong (or the individual distributes the assembled REE in Hong Kong), and the piece of REE is discarded in or outside Hong Kong;
- (b) provide details of the proposed recycling fees of the five types of REE and advise whether a fee adjustment mechanism would be established and, if yes, the considerations that would be taken into account in adjusting the fee levels;

- (c) explain with a flow chart the overall collection and treatment of regulated e-waste and the collection of the proposed recycling fees, in particular how the fees would be shouldered by the stakeholders (e.g. manufacturers, importers, distributors, retailers and consumers) along the supply chain;
- (d) in respect of the licensing requirements as proposed in the Bill, advise the number of private recyclers undertaking recycling of regulated e-waste who will be exempted from obtaining a waste disposal licence under section 16 of the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354); and
- (e) advise the number of fire outbreaks in recycling plants in Hong Kong in the past few years.

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