

**Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal of Products
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2025
Debate and voting arrangements**

Object of the Bill:

To:

- (a) amend the Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance (Cap. 603) and its subsidiary legislation to:
 - (i) introduce producer responsibility schemes (“PRSs”) for various products under which suppliers, retailers or scheme operators are required to make arrangements for the recovery of those products;
 - (ii) replace the use of prescribed forms by specified forms for notices or certificates issued under the existing PRS for plastic shopping bags; and
 - (iii) revise the power to make regulations for the purposes of that existing scheme; and
- (b) amend the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354) and its subsidiary legislation to regulate the disposal of certain products.

Joint debate	: Clauses with no amendments, and clauses with amendments proposed by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology (“SEE”)	— Clauses 1 to 31
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Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments.

SEE’s amendments**Conditions for non-compliant Schedule 12 products****Clause 16**

- To delete one of the conditions in the proposed new section 132(3)(a) of Cap. 603 regarding retailers not being allowed to distribute or offer to distribute products under the proposed new Schedule 12, i.e. “the product is not a registered product”, in order to **streamline the process for retailers (particularly small and medium-sized retailers) to verify whether the relevant products have been registered.**

Vetting procedures for subsidiary legislation related to individual products**Clause 16**

- To amend the proposed new sections 159 and 160 of Cap. 603 to **alter the vetting procedure from negative vetting to positive vetting** for the subsidiary legislation made by SEE under those provisions (i.e. regulation made for the proposed new Part 7 and the notice to amend the proposed new Schedule 12) to enable the Legislative Council to scrutinize the relevant subsidiary legislation more comprehensively.

Definition of “pure electric vehicle”

Clause 21

- To amend the definition of “pure electric vehicle” under the proposed revised section 2 of Cap. 354, from “means a motor vehicle that is propelled by only battery and emits no air pollutant when running” to “means a motor vehicle that is solely propelled by electric power and does not emit any exhaust gas” so as **to more clearly reflect the policy intent and facilitate trades’ understanding and compliance with the relevant requirements.**

Drafting amendments

Clause 16

- To make drafting amendments to the Chinese text of the proposed new sections 137(2) and 140(1) of Cap. 603 to reflect more accurately the legislative intent expressed by the corresponding English text.
- To make a textual amendment to the English text of the proposed new section 160 to align with similar expressions in existing legislations.

Voting order : 1. Clauses with no amendments (i.e. clauses 1 to 15, 17 to 20 and 22 to 31) standing part of the Bill
2. SEE’s amendments (to amend clauses 16 and 21)
3. Clauses 16 and 21 with or without amendments standing part of the Bill

SEE’s amendments

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