



CHAPTER  6

# WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VIEWS





I am glad to see our trainees finding their way to contribute to the better environment of Hong Kong.

**Mr. Yim Yat-Keung** oversees the Glass Bottle Recycling Campaign, organised by Hong Chi Association with the generous funding support from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. Instead of merely recovering waste glass bottles, the programme also provides training opportunities to trainees with intellectual disabilities who help in bottle collection and certain pre-treatment handling such as sorting and cleansing. This popular programme has now grown to serve some 160 collection points throughout the territory.



# 6.1

In this Consultation Document:

- (a) we have reviewed our past efforts in recycling waste glass beverage bottles and proposed to step up by introducing mandatory PRS;
- (b) we have recommended a Government-led approach for the mandatory PRS, and how various stakeholders may contribute to a local solution for the proper management of waste glass beverage bottles;
- (c) beverage retailers will be required to provide recycling-related information to consumer;
- (d) the Government will hire a management contractor to undertake the collection and recycling of waste glass beverage bottles recovered under the PRS;
- (e) recyclers involved will have to obtain a licence to ensure satisfactory service standards and professionalism; and
- (f) a recycling fee will be collected from beverage suppliers to cover the PRS costs.

We also seek the community's views on the inclusion of a landfill ban in our proposal.

# 6.2

We welcome your views on our proposal for the new PRS. More specifically —

- (a) **Consultation Question #1:** Do you agree that we should now proceed to pursue a mandatory PRS on glass beverage bottles as a priority among different types of glass bottles, because this removes the largest number of glass bottles? [cf. Paragraph 2.8]
- (b) **Consultation Question #2:** At present, a person who carries out a food importation or distribution business must be registered under the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap 612). Do you agree that the recycling fee for the PRS should be collected from those registered food importers and distributors who import or distribute glass-bottled beverages for local consumption? Who else would also be in the position to serve as the anchor point for the fee? [cf. Paragraph 3.5]
- (c) **Consultation Question #3:** For ordinary consumers, do you find it helpful if a beverage retailer could advise you on how to participate in glass bottle recycling? For beverage retailers, are there any practical difficulties that would prevent you from providing recycling-related information to consumers? [cf. Paragraph 3.6]
- (d) **Consultation Question #4:** As a matter of principle, we should ensure that any end-of-life products under a PRS are efficiently collected for environmentally sound recycling processes to produce reusable materials. Do you agree that new licensing control for the processing of waste glass beverage bottles could contribute to the accomplishment of the said objective of the PRS? [cf. Paragraph 3.7]
- (e) **Consultation Question #5:** Do you agree that beverage suppliers with a satisfactory corporate reuse/recycling plan could be exempted from the payment of a recycling fee? Are you aware of any other stakeholders who should also be entitled to similar exemption? [cf. Paragraph 3.9]
- (f) **Consultation Question #6:** Do you agree that a landfill ban on glass beverage bottles should be introduced? If yes, how it should be refined for better implementation? [cf. Paragraph 3.13]



# How to respond?

## 6.3

Please send us your views and comments by email, post, or facsimile on or before **6 May 2013** to —

By Email: glass\_prs@epd.gov.hk

By Post: Environmental Protection Department  
Waste Management Policy Group  
Room 4522, 45<sup>th</sup> floor, Revenue Tower  
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If returning by post, you may consider using the postage paid Response Form at [Annex E](#).

Please note.

## 6.4

Government may wish, either in discussion with others or in any subsequent report, whether privately or publicly, to be able to refer to and attribute views submitted in response to this Consultation Document. Any request to treat all or part of a response in confidence will be respected, but if no such request is made, it will be assumed that the response is not intended to be confidential.

