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Environmental and Conservation Fees and Charges

INTRODUCTION

At the ACE Meeting held on 20 October 1997, the Chairman requested a summary of major environmental fees and charges.

BACKGROUND

2. The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the fees and charges payable under various environmental and conservation legislation. It is Government policy that fees should in general be set at levels adequate to recover the full cost of providing the services. In this regard, fees and charges reviews are conducted on regular basis with a view to adjusting fees and charges either based on inflation or in accordance with phasing programmes to recover the cost of the services.

3. The attached summary sets out the details of all the fees and charges payable under the following 12 environmental and conservation ordinances:

- Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354)
- Water Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 358)
- Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311)
- Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400)
- Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance (Cap. 403)
- Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466)
- Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)
- Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499)
- Sewage Services Ordinance (Cap. 463)
- Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208)
- Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476)

ADVICE SOUGHT

4. Members are requested to note the contents of this paper.

Planning, Environment & Lands Bureau
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ANNUAL FEES REVISION

Ordinance	Fee Description	Amendment Regulation Making Power	Statutory Requirement of ACE Consultation	Last Revision	Next Revision
1. Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354)					
(a) Waste Disposal (Permit and Licences)(Forms and Fees) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits for import and export of hazardous/contaminated wastes • Licences for collection of waste • Licences for disposal of waste 	ExCo	Yes	Nov 96 Jan 97 Jan 97	Jan 98 Jan 98 Jan 98
(b) Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste)(General) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration as chemical waste producers • Fee for a certified copy of registration records 	ExCo	Yes	Jan 97	Jan 98
(c) Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of Chemical Waste) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposal of special chemical wastes • Disposal of chemical wastes other than special chemical wastes 	ExCo	Yes	Jun 97	Jun 98
2. Water Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 358)					
(a) Water Pollution Control (General) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licences for industrial, institutional or commercial discharges • Licences for discharge of domestic sewage from industrial, institutional or commercial premises • Licences for discharges from domestic sewage treatment plants • Licences for discharges from domestic premises • Fee for a certified copy of an entry in register 	ExCo	Yes	Jan 97	Jan 98
3. Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311)					
(a) Air Pollution Control (Specified Processes) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licences for specified processes • Fee for a certified copy of an entry in register 	SPEL	Yes	Jan 97	Jan 98
(b) Air Pollution Control (Open Burning) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit for open burning 	SPEL	Yes	Feb 96	Jan 98
(c) Air Pollution Control (Asbestos) (Administration) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration as asbestos contractors • Fee for restoration to the register 	SPEL	Yes	May 96	Jan 98

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4. Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400)					
(a) Noise Control (General) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Noise Permit (General Works) • Construction Noise Permit (Percussive Piling) 	SPEL	Yes	Jan 97	Jan 98
(b) Noise Control (Compressors) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise Emission Label for air compressor 	SPEL	Yes	Jan 97	Jan 98
(c) Noise Control (Hand Held Breakers) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise Emission Label for hand held percussive breaker 	SPEL	Yes	Jan 97	Jan 98
5. Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance (Cap. 403)					
(a) Ozone Layer Protection (Fees) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of scheduled substances • Licence to import or export of scheduled substances 	SPEL	Yes	Jan 97	Jan 98
6. Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466)					
(a) Dumping at Sea (Fees) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit for dumping • Fee for a copy of an entry in register 	DEP	No*	Jan 97	Jan 98
7. Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designation of a place as a vehicle emission testing centre • Testing of motor vehicles • Fee for a certificate of compliance 	S for Tsy	No*	Jan 97	Jan 98
8. Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413)					
(a) Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Charges for discharge of polluting waste) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of sludge and other wastes • Disposal of sludge, liquid oil waste/mixtures containing oil, or noxious liquid substance 	ExCo	No*	Dec 96	Jan 98
9. Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for EIA study brief • Application for approval to apply directly for an environmental permit • Application for approval of an EIA report • Application for environmental permits 	SPEL	Yes	N/A	To be implemented in early 98

Note: * The current practice is to inform ACE members of proposals for fee revision despite that it is not a statutory requirement.

Legends: SPEL - Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands Bureau
S for Tsy - Secretary for the Treasury
DEP - Director of Environmental Protection

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10. Sewage Services Ordinance (Cap. 463)					
(a) Sewage Services (Sewage Charge) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewage Charge 	ExCo	No	N.A. (Note)	No firm date
(b) Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade Effluent Surcharge 	ExCo	No	N.A. (Note)	No firm date
11. Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208)					
Country Parks and Special Areas Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit to sell or let on hire any commodities • Permit to display sign, notice, poster and banner • Permit to construct or erect building, hut, etc • Permit to hold public meetings/competition • Permit to hold event organized for fund raising/charity 	S for Tsy	No	Nov 97	Nov 98
12. Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476)					
Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit to moor or anchor a vessel • Permit to hawk • Permit to display signs • Permit to barbecue or camp • Permit to hold public meetings/sporting competition • Permit to hold fund raising event • Permit to carry business related activities • Permit to operate power-driven model boat/aeroplane 	SPEL	No	Nov 97	Nov 98

Note: The rates of sewage charges and trade effluent surcharges have not been revised since their introduction in 1995.