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Subject Response to Consultation Document on Legislative Proposals on Regulation of Edible Fats and Oils and Recycling of "Waste Cooking Oils"

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## Dear Sir/Madam,

With regards to the recent public consultation on legislative proposal of "Waste Cooking Oils" recycling, I am writing to express my view as a general public:

- 1. Used cooking oil is harmful to health if it is used as raw material for making cooking oil. This situation must be stamped out by enforcing legislation on associated activities including used oil disposal, collection and recycling. And the legislation shall be fully implemented at earliest to protect against unethical recycling activities which could seriously endanger public health.
- 2. Used cooking oil is a valuable resource for industrial grade products such as bio-diesel and raw material for chemical products. Thus the HK Government shall encourage this kind of recycling activities to facilitate the utilization of useful resources. However, since HK now only has three bio-diesel plants in operation, the recycling activities may be hindered due to insufficient collection service provider to handle all used cooking oil produced from the restaurants and catering. The situation will be even worse for small restaurants as the collection service providers tends to collect used oil from chain stores and malls, which offered large quantities and more stable supply of used cooking oil. To effectively collect used cooking oil, the government shall provided incentives such as subsidy and allowance to collectors and recyclers, especially for those working with small restaurants.
- 3. Besides local bio-diesel plants, the government shall also allow legal disposal of used cooking oil via exporting to other countries. For example, China and some South Asian Countries have demand on used cooking oil for their bio-diesel and chemicals production. The government shall help local collectors to establish overseas network and develop policy framework with the importing countries, such that the collection activities would be "one stone two birds" to safeguard HK people 's health, and maximize resource utilization to protect our environment.
- 4. The HK government shall provide guidelines and set clear requirements for the collection

service provider to follow, in order to make sure the collection and recycling activities are implemented in an environmental friendly manner. There is a need to enhance the professionalism and qualifications of the service providers by accreditation scheme by chartered engineer from professional bodies such as HKIE and CIWEM to ensure the whole collection process to be carried out in an environmental friendly and ethical manner.

Looking forward to your feedback. Thank you very much for your attention.

Regards,

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