

Dear Sirs,

As you are aware that the HKSAR Government has announced its agreement with the Central People's Government on further liberalization measures under CEPA in June 2007. The package includes 40 liberalization measures in 28 services areas, including existing ones such as banking, tourism, convention and exhibition and medical plus 11 new ones including social services for the elderly, environmental services and public utilities. The new measures will be implemented as from 1 January 2008.

To facilitate eligible Hong Kong service suppliers (HKSS) to enjoy preferential treatments under CEPA, TID has issued a Notice to Service Suppliers No. 1/2007 which sets out the procedures and requirements for application of HKSS certificates. A copy of the Notice is attached for your reference. The Notice can also be downloaded from our website at:

Chinese

http://www.tid.gov.hk/tc_chi/aboutus/tradecircular/ntss/2007/ntss012007_index.html

English

http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/ntss/2007/ntss012007_index.html

Review of Application Fee for HKSS certification service

TID has been providing the HKSS certification service *free of charge* for fresh and renewal applications. However, this is now under review in the light of the government's established policy to charge fees for services so as to recover the full cost of providing such services.

I should be most grateful if you could disseminate the above Notice to your members for information. Should you have any enquiries on the Notice, please feel free to contact Mr Warren Ho at 3403 6013.

Yours faithfully,


(Mr Warren HO)

for Director-General of Trade and Industry