



BEC's Response to Legislative Proposals on Regulation of Edible Fats and Oils and Recycling of "Waste Cooking Oils"

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BEC's Submission

On 7 July 2015, the Hong Kong SAR Government published the Legislative Proposals on Regulation of Edible Fats and Oils and Recycling of "Waste Cooking Oils" and invited the public to provide views on the proposed regulatory framework. BEC [made a submission](#) to the Environmental Protection Department on 5 October 2015.

BEC's Views

BEC strongly supports the proposal to regulate the use and disposal of edible fats and oils. It shares the Government's views on the importance of high food safety standards in relation to locally produced fats and oils as well as imported products. We support the proposed ban on the use of waste cooking oils as ingredients for edible fats and oils, whether manufactured locally or imported into Hong Kong.

BEC welcomes the legislative measures proposed, and trusts that the Government will develop the details further in due course, to provide clarity but without being overly burdensome on business.

Recycling of waste cooking oils

BEC considers there is an opportunity to strengthen the incentives for the proper use of waste cooking oils by imposing a requirement for diesel suppliers to blend biodiesel into their fuel. We recommend that the Government engage with business on facilitating biodiesel manufacturers or suppliers of those manufacturers to collect and handle waste cooking oils and fats; and imposing a requirement of at least 5% mandatory blending with biodiesel in respect of diesel fuel supplied in Hong Kong and such biodiesel should be made from waste cooking oils.

Regulations on the Import and Export of Edible Fats and Oils

In terms of the detailed provisions, BEC recommends that the Government engage with stakeholders to determine the appropriate frequency and sampling method of the product testing on edible fats and oils, and also aligns the terminology with other licensing and inspection systems to ensure clarity.



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