

# Briefing on the Full Implementation of the Plastic Shopping Bag Charging

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The full implementation of the Plastic Shopping Bag Charging (the PSB Charging) will come into effect on 1 April 2015. The PSB Charging adopts a maximum coverage to include all retail sales of goods in the territory. Sellers/retailers of any retail sales of goods must charge at least 50 cents for each of the plastic shopping bag (PSB) provided to their customers. Retailers who contravene the law will be subject to a fixed penalty of \$2,000.

**Registration  
 Deadline  
 25/7/2014**

To elucidate the legislative requirements and to facilitate the trade's preparation and implementation of the PSB Charging, a series of briefings are scheduled for different retail categories.

## Aims

- Provide a forum for the trade to understand the legislative requirements and the exemption arrangements under the PSB Charging; and
- Provide practical tips to get the trade prepared for the launch of the PSB Charging and best practice guidelines for the implementation of the PSB Charging

## Contents

- Introduction of the PSB Charging
- The legislative requirements (e.g. the charge, obligations, penalty) of the PSB Charging
- Types of plastic bags subject to charge under the PSB Charging
- The exemption arrangements of the PSB Charging
- Practical tips and best practice guidelines
- Questions and answers session

### Enquiry and registration

Hotline : 3152 2299  
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 Email : [psb\\_enquiry@hkpc.org](mailto:psb_enquiry@hkpc.org)  
 Office hour : 9:00am-10:00pm (Mon-Sun)  
 EPD website : <http://www.epd.gov.hk/>

**Speaker** Representative of HKPC  
**Language** Cantonese  
**Fee** Free of charge

| Date   | Venue   | Time                                       |
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| <b>Briefing session for retailers selling both foodstuff and non-foodstuff</b><br>e.g. supermarkets, convenience stores, department stores |   |  |
| 8-Aug<br>(Friday)  | Lecture Theatre, Hong Kong Central Library <sup>A</sup><br>(66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong)          | 11:30am – 12:30pm<br>Registration: 11:00am |
| <b>Briefing sessions for retailers selling non-foodstuff only</b> e.g. boutiques, electrical appliance shops.                              |   |  |
| 14-Aug<br>(Thursday)   | Mei Foo Community Hall <sup>B</sup><br>(Mei Foo Government Complex, No. 33 Mei Lai Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon) | 5:30pm – 6:30pm<br>Registration: 5:00pm    |
| 21-Aug<br>(Thursday)   | Mei Foo Community Hall <sup>B</sup><br>(Mei Foo Government Complex, No. 33 Mei Lai Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon) | 5:30pm – 6:30pm<br>Registration: 5:00pm    |

<sup>A</sup> Briefing will be cancelled if typhoon signal no.8 or above or black rainstorm signal remain hoisted at 8:00am or after on the briefing day.

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Interested parties please fill in the enclosed registration form and return by email ([psb\\_enquiry@hkpc.org](mailto:psb_enquiry@hkpc.org)) or fax (3187 4584) for registration. Due to limited seats, registration will be confirmed by email notification.