

## Circular 15: Environmental Levy Scheme on Plastic Shopping Bags <IMPORTANT>

Introduced under the Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance (Cap. 603) ("PERO"), the Environmental Levy Scheme on Plastic Shopping Bags seeks to address the problem of excessive plastic shopping bag use. The Product Eco-responsibility (Amendment) Bill 2013 for the full implementation of the Scheme was introduced into the Legislative Council. It was approved by the Legislative Council on 19 March 2014 and has come into effect on 1 April 2015. The Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance imposes duty on seller to charge for plastic shopping bags if there is a sale by retail of goods to a customer. The seller must charge the customer an amount not less than 50 cents for each plastic shopping bag or each pre-packaged pack of 10 or more plastic shopping bags. Any person who fails to comply commits an offence and will be liable to a fine at HK\$100,000 on the first occasion and to a fine at \$200,000 on each subsequent occasion.

For further information, please contact the Environmental Protection Department at (852) 3152 2299 or email [psb@epd.gov.hk](mailto:psb@epd.gov.hk).

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## 通告 15: 塑膠購物袋環保徵費計劃 <重要通知>

產品環保責任條例（香港法例第603章）引進的塑膠購物袋環保徵費計劃是為解決過度使用塑料購物袋的問題。向立法會提交審議的2013年產品環保責任(修訂)條例草案將全面實施該計劃。該草案在2014年3月19日被立法會批准，並於2015年4月1日生效。產品環保責任條例規定如有貨品以零售方式出售予顧客，賣方有義務向顧客就塑料購物袋收取訂明的款額。賣方就直接或間接向顧客提供的每個塑膠購物袋或經預先包裝的每份為數10個或以上的塑膠購物袋，向顧客收取不少於5角的款額。任何人如未能遵從即屬犯法，首度被裁定犯該罪行時可被判處港幣100,000元罰款，而在其後每次被裁定犯該罪行時可處罰款港幣200,000元。

有關詳情可查詢環境保護署（電話：(852) 3152 2299 或電郵：[psb@epd.gov.hk](mailto:psb@epd.gov.hk)）。

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