

## *Individually Owned Stores (2)*

### **1. What are the differences between the liberalization measures for individually owned stores and other service sectors under CEPA?**

Different from the other CEPA liberalization measures on trade in services, Hong Kong permanent residents with Chinese citizenship can set up individually owned stores in the Mainland without the need to apply for a Hong Kong service supplier certificate and without being subject to the approval procedures applicable to foreign investments. It helps to increase the flexibility for Hong Kong residents to invest and tap the business opportunities in the Mainland. The CEPA provisions on individually owned stores are complementary to the other liberalization measures under CEPA trade in services, bringing more and different investments opportunities to Hong Kong residents.

### **2. What are the relevant regulations and procedures for Hong Kong residents to set up individually owned stores in the Mainland under the CEPA?**

You may wish to browse the Department's [Information Database on CEPA Service Sectors](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/tradeservices/files/individual_factsheets.pdf) webpage [http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/tradeservices/files/individual\\_factsheets.pdf](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/tradeservices/files/individual_factsheets.pdf) which provides an Easy Guide to Investment with reference information on the relevant major laws and regulations, approved scopes of business, restrictions on operations, procedures of registration, etc. applicable to individually owned stores set up by Hong Kong residents in the Mainland.