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Trade and Industry Department

The Trade and Industry Department handles the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's commercial relations and implements trade policies and agreements. We seek to protect and promote the interests of local traders and manufacturers, provide support for them, and preserve maximum market access for our export of goods and services.



Values

Client Focus

Integrity

Professionalism

Teamwork

Mission

To lead, support and facilitate the development of trade and industry.

To this end, we :

- play a key role in international trade fora for the pursuit of global free trade;
- assist the trade and industry in safeguarding and maximising their access to the global market;
- help Hong Kong enterprises enhance their competitiveness and add value to their products and services;
- safeguard the integrity and credibility of Hong Kong's trade regime; and
- further develop staff skills, support structures and systems to meet new challenges.

Hong Kong's autonomy in trade and economic matters

Hong Kong became a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on July 1, 1997. Under the Basic Law, our mini-constitution, Hong Kong enjoys a high degree of autonomy. In trade and economic matters, Hong Kong continues to practise free trade, maintains its own external commercial relations with its trading partners, retains its status as a separate customs territory, and remains a full and separate member of relevant international organisations and international trade agreements, such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the World Customs Organization, under the name of "Hong Kong, China".

Commercial Relations

We are responsible for Hong Kong's commercial relations. We seek to protect Hong Kong's rights and trade interests by monitoring and responding to trade policies and measures of other trading partners through multilateral and bilateral negotiations and other channels. To this end, we rely on the multilateral trading system under the auspices of the WTO as the cornerstone of our external trade policy. On regional cooperation front, we take a leading role in Hong Kong's participation of APEC meetings and activities.

We engage actively in the discussions with the Mainland on further trade liberalisation under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) and the effective implementation of respective liberalisation measures.



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Service Areas



Licensing and Certification Services

We operate a textiles control system to monitor the production and import / export of textile products, aiming to strike a balance between trade facilitation and regulation so that Hong Kong-origin textiles and clothing exports can enjoy continued access to the world markets. Various textiles licensing and certification facilities are provided to the trade.

To safeguard the interests of our rough diamond traders, Hong Kong implemented the Kimberley Process (KP) Certification Scheme for rough diamonds in 2003.

We have been designated as the importing and exporting authority of the People's Republic of China for the purpose of implementing the KP Certification Scheme in Hong Kong.

We also provide origin certification services including preference tariff certification and Certificate of Hong Kong Origin (CEPA); and a one-stop Hong Kong Service Supplier (HKSS) Certification services for all service sectors under CEPA.

Industries Support

We support the development of Hong Kong's manufacturing and service industries and the development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). We participate actively in the formulation and implementation of policies by other government bureaux and departments which impinge on industrial development in Hong Kong.

With regard to SMEs, we implement programmes of services to enhance the competitiveness of SMEs and their long term developments. For example, we provide free, reliable and practical information and advisory services to SMEs through our Support and Consultation Centre for SMEs (SUCCESS).

In addition, we administer three SME funding schemes to help SMEs raise capital, expand markets outside Hong Kong, and enhance overall competitiveness. These funding schemes are the SME Loan Guarantee Scheme, the SME Export Marketing Fund, and the SME Development Fund.

