



全面推行塑膠購物袋收費



背景

自 **2015 年 4 月 1 日**起，塑膠購物袋收費（「膠袋收費」）已全面實施，以進一步減少膠袋用量。

膠袋收費的範圍

「膠袋收費」涵蓋全港所有以零售方式出售貨品的商戶。除了法例訂明的豁免情況外，賣方必須就提供的每個塑膠購物袋，向顧客收取不少於 5 角，並不得向顧客提供任何回贈或折扣，以直接抵銷膠袋收費的款額。膠袋收費由商戶自行保留及處理。如商戶違規派發膠袋，可被**定額罰款 2,000 元**。



需要收費的塑膠購物袋

所有完全或部分由塑膠製成的袋，不論是否有作攜帶用途的設計，都需要收費。有塑膠薄面或塑膠成分的紙袋及以塑膠製造的不織布袋（一般稱為「環保袋」）亦包括在內。



（商戶可以向供應商或製造商查詢，從而確定所派發的袋是否含有塑膠物料。）

豁免情況

按照「膠袋收費」的條例，以下用途的膠袋可豁免收費：

1. 因食品衛生而用的袋

為了確保食品衛生，如膠袋只盛載無包裝或非氣密包裝的食品，是可豁免收費的。此外，如膠袋只盛載冰凍或冷凍食品，以把凝結的水氣與其他貨品分開，亦可豁免收費。



無包裝的食品



非氣密包裝的食品



冰凍或冷凍食品

2. 用作包裝的袋

膠袋如用作預先包裝貨品及於運送到零售商之前已經密封，便無須收費，例如多支裝洗潔精或多卷裝廁紙的包裝膠袋。構成貨品的一部分的膠袋，亦無須收費，例如用於包裝雜誌和恤衫的透明膠袋、以及用作保溫的雪糕袋。但如額外再提供膠袋盛載這些已經包裝的貨品就要收費。



3. 構成服務一部分的袋

隨服務提供的膠袋而當中不涉及以零售方式出售貨品，便可豁免收費，例如化驗所盛載 X 光報告的膠袋或診所隨診治服務提供盛載藥物的膠袋。



展覽常見的銷售推廣活動

1. 購物贈送禮品

參展商如在與貨品的出售有關連的情況下（例如購物滿指定金額或購買指定貨品）提供膠袋盛載禮品，必須就提供予顧客的每個膠袋收取不少於 5 角。如該禮品本身是含塑膠成分的袋，例如不織布環保袋，亦需要收取不少於 5 角的款額，不能免費贈送。



2. 福袋

參展商組合貨品作促銷或由顧客挑選貨品並載在一個塑膠購物袋內出售，該袋需要收取不少於 5 角。



3. 套裝

參展商如以套裝形式出售貨品及有塑膠成分的袋，應清楚列明貨品及袋的價錢（例如：貨品\$100+袋\$5，合併價\$105）。此外，參展商亦應讓顧客選擇是否需要膠袋。如有顧客不要膠袋，可能會與賣方協商退回膠袋及其收費。因此，參展商亦應制定相關的退款安排，及清楚向顧客表明有關安排，以避免引起混淆。



供展覽商參考的常見問題

問 1：在展覽時提供的膠袋需要收費嗎？

答 1：在展覽時所派發的膠袋是否需要收費，視乎是否有貨品以零售方式出售而定。如有涉及零售活動（例如書展、食品展），參展商（包括本地及海外）必須根據法例要求，除在可豁免收費的情況外，就提供予顧客的每個膠袋收取最少 5 角。但如展覽只涉及批發交易並沒有零售活動，則所派發的膠袋不受法例規管。不過，基於「惜物、減廢」的原則，參展商在任何情況下都應盡量減少使用膠袋。

問 2：在展覽攤位以外的地方（例如展覽館門口、天橋）派發膠袋是否受規管？

答 2：如有貨品以零售方式出售予某人，參展商在與貨品的出售有關連的情況下提供的膠袋便須收費。例子：參展商在場外派發膠袋，如有人索取了膠袋後在展覽攤位購物，參展商便需要就該膠袋收取不少於 5 角的膠袋收費。我們不建議參展商，特別是涉及零售貨品的參展商，派發膠袋作宣傳，以避免違規。



應做的事項

- 先詢問顧客是否需要膠袋才派發，並建議顧客自備購物袋
- 善用膠袋容量盛載貨品，以減少使用膠袋
- 除非只用於盛載豁免貨品，否則就每個所提供的膠袋收取不少於 5 角的款額
- 為顧客提供有顯示膠袋收費的收據
- 加強培訓員工以確保運作順暢及遵守有關規定
- 盡可能保存交易紀錄以記載袋的派發量及收取的膠袋收費



不應做的事項

- 切勿向顧客提供折扣或回贈以抵銷膠袋收費
- 切勿向顧客提供沒有收費的膠袋以盛載混合豁免及非豁免的貨品
- 切勿過量發放膠袋，不論膠袋需要收費與否

有關「膠袋收費」的詳情，可參考有關網站：
http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/psb_charging/

有關「膠袋收費」的查詢，可與
環境保護署聯絡：
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Full Implementation of the Plastic Shopping Bag Charging



Background

Since **1 April 2015**, the Plastic Shopping Bag (PSB) Charging has been fully implemented in Hong Kong to promote reduction in the use of PSBs.

Scope

The PSB Charging covers **all sellers with retail sales of goods** in Hong Kong, irrespective of scale of operation and business nature. Except for the situations where there is exemption, the seller must charge the customer an amount not less than 50 cents for each PSB provided, and must refrain from offering any rebate or discount to the customer with the effect of directly offsetting the PSB charge or any part of that amount. The PSB charge is to be retained by the seller. Seller who provides PSB in contravention of the law will be subject to a **fixed penalty of \$2,000**.



Bags Subject to Charge

All bags that are made **wholly or partly of plastic**, irrespective of whether there is a carrying device, are subject to charge. **Paper bags with plastic lamination or component and non-woven bags (commonly known as environmental bags)**, are also covered.



(Sellers can check with suppliers or manufacturers to ascertain whether bags distributed contain plastic materials.)

Exemption arrangements

Under the PSB Charging, the following uses of PSBs can be exempted from the charging requirements:

1. PSB used for food hygiene reasons

In order to address food hygiene concerns, the use of PSBs to carry only foodstuff without packaging or not in airtight packaging can be exempted. Furthermore, the use of PSBs to carry frozen/ chilled foodstuff to segregate the condensation of water vapour from other goods can be exempted.



Foodstuff without packaging

Foodstuff in non-airtight packaging

Frozen/ Chilled foodstuff

2. PSB used for packaging

PSBs used for prepackaging and have been sealed before they are delivered to the retailer can be exempted. Examples are detergents value pack and toilet paper rolls in packaging bag. PSBs forming part of the goods, for example, packaging bags for magazines and shirts, and cooler bags provided for containing ice-cream can also be exempted. **However, additional PSBs provided to contain these packaged products are required to be charged.**



3. PSB provided with the services

PSBs provided with the service tendered, without involving the retail sale of goods, can be exempted. Examples are PSB provided by medical laboratory for carrying x-ray report and PSBs provided with medical consultation for containing medicines.

Common Sales Promotions in Exhibitions

1. Gift with purchase

Exhibitors must charge the customer not less than 50 cents for the PSB provided to contain the gift, which is given out in connection with retail sale of goods (e.g., upon certain amount of purchase or purchase of specific item(s)). If the gift itself is a bag with plastic, such as non-woven environmental bag, it has to be charged for not less than 50 cents and cannot be given out as a free gift.



2. Lucky bags

If exhibitors use a plastic bag to bundle up products for sale, or allow customers to choose the products to put in a plastic bag, this bag has to be charged for not less than 50 cents.



3. Sets

If exhibitors bundle a plastic bag together with other products for sale as a set, exhibitors should list out the price of the bag clearly (e.g. products \$100, bag \$5, set price \$105). In addition, the purchase of shopping bag should be optional for customers. Customers may return the plastic bag and request for a refund. Therefore, exhibitors should formulate relevant refund policy and inform customers clearly of the refund policy to avoid confusion.



FAQs for Exhibitors

Q 1: Are the PSBs provided during exhibitions subject to the PSB charge?

A 1: Whether PSBs distributed during exhibitions are subject to PSB charge or not depend on if there is a retail sale of goods. If retail activities are involved (e.g. Book Fair, Food Expo), the exhibitor (both local and overseas) must charge the customer an amount not less than 50 cents for each PSB provided to the customer according to the legislative requirements, except for situations where there is exemption. If only wholesale with no retail activities are involved during the exhibitions, the PSBs distributed are not subject to charge. Nevertheless, based on the "Use less, Waste less" principle, exhibitors are encouraged to minimize the use of PSBs under any circumstances.

Q 2: Are the PSBs distributed outside the exhibition booths (e.g., at the entrance of the exhibition hall, on the footbridge) subject to the PSB charge?

A 2: If there is a sale by retail of goods to a person, the PSB provided in connection with the sale of goods is subject to charge, regardless where the bags are provided. Example: An exhibitor distributes PSBs outside the exhibition hall. If a person obtained a PSB and then shopped at the exhibitor's booth, the exhibitor will have to charge the person not less than 50 cents for the PSB provided previously. We recommend that exhibitors, in particular those with retail sales, do not distribute PSBs for promotion to avoid potential violation of the legislative requirements.



Do's

- Always ask if customers need a PSB before distribution and suggest them to BYOB
- Reduce the use of PSBs by making the best use of the volume of PSBs
- Always charge at least 50 cents for each PSB provided unless it is exempted
- Issue a receipt for the PSB charge
- Provide suitable staff training to ensure smooth operation and proper compliance
- Keep a record of the PSB charge collected and number of PSBs distributed as far as possible



Don'ts

- Do not provide any discount or rebate to offset the PSB charge
- Do not hand out more PSBs than necessary, charged or otherwise
- Do not distribute any PSB containing both exempted and non-exempted items without the PSB charge



For details about the PSB Charging, please visit our dedicated website:

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