

香港特別行政區政府 工業貿易署

Trade and Industry Department

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



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9 April 2010

The Hong Kong Food, Drink & Grocery Association
GPO Box 8689
Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Hong Kong, China – New Zealand
Closer Economic Partnership (CEP) Agreement**

Hong Kong and New Zealand signed the Hong Kong, China – New Zealand CEP Agreement on 29 March 2010.

2. The CEP Agreement is Hong Kong's first free trade agreement (FTA) with a foreign economy, and the second FTA following the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement with the Mainland of China. The CEP Agreement includes liberalisation measures on both trade in goods and services. The two sides will also work on strengthening bilateral trade and economic ties by facilitating investment and movement of business persons. The CEP Agreement is expected to come into force in the last quarter of 2010, after completion of the necessary domestic procedures.

3. I enclose for your retention copies of the leaflet summarising key features of the CEP Agreement. More details can be found in the website of the Trade and Industry Department (<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/hknzcep>). If you wish to have additional copies of the leaflet, please contact Ms. Esther Ng at 2398 5786.

Yours sincerely,

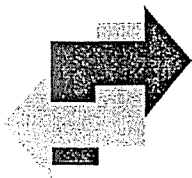
(Ms Milly Au Yeung)
for Director-General of Trade and Industry

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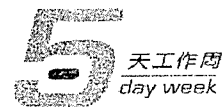
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執事先生/女士：

中國香港與新西蘭緊密經貿合作協定

香港與新西蘭已於二零一零年三月二十九日簽訂了《中國香港與新西蘭緊密經貿合作協定》（《協定》）。

《協定》是香港與外地經濟體系訂立的首份自由貿易協定，亦是繼《內地與香港關於建立更緊密經貿關係的安排》後，第二份自由貿易協定。《協定》涵蓋貨物和服務貿易自由化的措施。兩地亦會致力加強雙邊經貿，便利投資和商務人員的流動。待完成所需的內部程序後，《協定》預計於二零一零年第四季生效。

現隨函夾附簡介《協定》主要內容的小冊子以供參閱。有關《協定》的詳情，請瀏覽工業貿易署的網站(http://www.tid.gov.hk/tc_chi/hknzcep)。如需要更多小冊子，請致電 2398 5786 與本署吳慧如女士聯絡。

工業貿易署署長
(歐陽珊代行)

附件：《協定》小冊子
二零一零四月九日

