



香港食品、飲料及雜貨協會  
THE HONG KONG FOOD DRINK &  
GROCERY ASSOCIATION

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Mr. CHAN Mo Po, Paul, GBM, GBS, MH, JP  
Financial Secretary  
25/F, Central Government Offices,  
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong.

Dear Mr. Chan,

**In Support of Spirits Tax Review and Reform for Hong Kong Competitiveness**

We are writing to you on behalf of FDGA (The Hong Kong Food, Drink & Grocery Association) and its members. FDGA was founded more than 30 years ago, to provide a forum for companies active in manufacturing, importation, marketing and distribution of branded food, drink and grocery products in Hong Kong. It is an independent mouthpiece for its members, representing more than 40 food and beverage companies, to address common issues.

FDGA strongly supports the call from the Hong Kong EuroCham Wines and Spirits Business Council to review and reform the excise tax system for spirits. We believe the current tax applied on liquor above 30% abv at 100% of import value should be revised to a specific tax based on alcohol content in line with international practice.

FDGA also support Hong Kong EuroCham Wines and Spirits Business Council's proposal of around \$75 per litre of pure alcohol as a reasonable and balanced approach. We are of the view that such a change will eventually benefit the Hong Kong economy similar to the tax reform made with wine back in 2008.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Steven Co', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Steven Co  
Chairman  
The Hong Kong Food Drink & Grocery Association

cc:

Mr. LAU James H. Jr., JP,  
Secretary for Financial Services & the Treasury

Mr. YAU Edward T. W., GBS, JP,  
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development