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## **HAFFA Urges Immediate Resumption of Land-to-Air e-Cigarette Transshipments**

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Economic Development discussed the proposed amendment to the transshipment of electronic cigarettes today (November 28, 2022).

The Hong Kong Association of Freight Forwarding and Logistics (HAFFA), believes that in addition to allowing sea-to-air transshipments, Hong Kong urgently needs to resume land-to-air transshipment of e-cigarette products as soon as possible to avoid a further deterioration in the double-digit decline in air export volume seen over the last six consecutive months.

HAFFA Chairman Mr. Gary Lau emphasized the critical importance of the situation, stating: "The government mentioned at the meeting that the authorities intend to first ship e-cigarette products from the Hong Kong International Airport Logistics Park in Dongguan to Hong Kong International Airport via the Sea-Air Transshipment Facilitation Scheme, and then export them overseas. The overall shipping capacity under this Sea-Air Transshipment Facilitation scheme is only about 4-5% of the demand for electronic cigarette products which is a drop in the ocean. This cannot come close to coping with the huge export volume of electronic cigarettes.

"Dongguan Logistics Park is able to increase the number of scheduled sailings according to demand, but there is still a long way to go compared to the land-to-air transport mode." Mr. Lau added: "HAFFA earlier submitted a proposed process for the safe transportation of e-cigarette products across borders to the Transport and Logistics Bureau, which is designed to prevent such goods from entering the local black market. The association remains ready to discuss the details of the plan with the government at any time, and hopes the authorities will implement a trial as soon as possible in order to resume the land-to-air transshipment of e-cigarette products, thereby saving the freight logistics industry and allowing us to restore a valuable sector of the cargo industry."

Established in 1966, now with over 320 corporate members, HAFFA is responsible for setting industry standards as well as providing educational courses which enhance the professional standards of freight forwarders and logistics services providers.

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