

## Annex V: Arrangements for Provision of Designated Bags/ Designated Labels for Handling Waste in Common Areas

According to the "polluter-pays" principle, in general, MSW charging arisen from handling waste in common areas should be apportioned equally among households. OCs/OOs and PMCs may refer to the following arrangements for provision of designated bags/designated labels for handling waste in common areas and formulate an appropriate plan to apportion the expenditures among households.

### 1. Arrangements for Provision of Designated Bags/Designated Labels

Regarding handling of waste in common areas, PMCs may consider purchasing designated bags/designated labels on their own for cleansing contractors to handle the relevant waste and then recover the expenditures direct from the households.

For PMCs providing designated bags/designated labels through cleansing contractors, please refer to **Annex VI** for the EPD's suggestions on MSW charging related arrangements in cleansing/waste collection services contracts.



### 2. Suggestions on Apportionment of Designated Bags/ Designated Labels expenditures among households

PMCs may charge the households based on the actual expenditure or in the form of a fixed monthly approximate fee. In case of the latter, PMCs and OCs/OOs should regularly review the fees to ensure that the fees can reflect the changes in the amount of waste in common areas of the premises.

### 3. Suggested Measures on Reduction of Expenditures on MSW Charging to be Apportioned among households

PMCs may consider reviewing the number and locations of communal litter containers within the premises and remove part or even all of the litter containers in common areas, so as to minimise the expenditures on MSW charging to be apportioned among households.

In case households are using the communal facilities of the premises and may generate large amount of waste (e.g., events involving cooking/parties held in the clubhouses by the households), PMCs may consider asking the households to handle the waste themselves, including properly wrapping the waste in designated bags and disposing of it at the communal waste reception areas. PMCs may also consider providing appropriate number of designated bags for those households and included the related expenditures in the venue rental fee.

### 4. Regular Surveys on Waste and Garbage Bags Usage in the Premises

PMCs may consider jointly conducting regular (e.g., every 6 months) surveys with cleansing contractors to collect the daily waste and garbage bags usage data in their premises. This would also be useful for PMCs to explain the calculation basis of the relevant expenditures to households and collect relevant charges from them. Such data may also provide references for PMCs on the effectiveness of waste reduction in the premises.