

**Table 1 《Public Opinions on Plastic Bag Levy Phase I》**

Dates: April 6-15, 2009

Sample Size: 1,000

Methodology: Random Calls

Interviewees: Hong Kong residents aged 15 or above, who have shopped at a supermarket in the last month

Success rate: 71.3%

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Male: 46.5% Female: 53.5%

[English] Remark: Raw sample is used, and figures are rounded to nearest integer.

1. Have you taken plastic bags offered when you shopped at a supermarket last month?

	Yes	Never	Don't know /hard to say	Don't want to answer	Total
<b>No. of people</b>	780	213	3	4	<b>1000</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	78%	21%	<1%	<1%	<b>100%</b>

1b. (to be answered by those who said yes to Q1, sample size - 789) How many bags?

<b>No. of Bags</b>	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11 or above	Less than 1 on average	Total
<b>No. of people</b>	654	51	17	7	19	6	26	<b>780</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	84%	7%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	<b>100%</b>

2. What would you usual do with plastic bags taken home? 【answers given by interviewees, can give more than one answer】

	<b>No.of people</b>	<b>% of the cases</b>
Save them for use as dustbin liner	741	74%
Save them for later use as shopping bags	553	55%
Throw them away	68	7%
Put in recycle bins	27	3%
Save them and give them away	15	2%
Seldom use them	10	1%
Sell them	4	<1%
Don't know / hard to say	2	<1%
<b>Total :</b>	<b>1000</b>	

3. Do you bring your own bags when you go out shopping?

	Never	Yes, rarely	Yes, sometimes	Yes, often	Total
<b>No. of People</b>	183	69	217	531	<b>1000</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	18%	7%	22%	53%	<b>100%</b>

4. How many reusable shopping bags do you have at home?

No. of Bags	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or above	Don't know/hard to say	Total
<b>No. of People</b>	13	380	303	145	67	86	6	<b>1000</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	1%	38%	30%	15%	7%	9%	1%	<b>100%</b>

Average number of bags: 8.9

Base (those who have none is counted as 0)994

5. Does your family need to buy garbage bags?

	No. of People	Percentage
Yes (Jump to Q5b)	144	14%
No, they're provided by the property management	588	59%
No, we use shopping bags	257	26%
Don't know/hard to say	10	1%
Don't want to answer	1	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>100%</b>

5b. (ask only those who said yes to Q5, 144 people in total) How many garbage bags does your family use a month on average?

No. of Bags	<10	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 or above	Total
<b>No. of People</b>	6	21	15	85	17	<b>144</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	4%	15%	10%	59%	12%	<b>100%</b>

6. Would you bring your own shopping bags when a plastic bag levy is imposed?

	Yes(Jump to Q8)	No	Don't know /hard to say(Jump to Q8)	Total
<b>No. of People</b>	863	100	37	<b>1000</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	86%	10%	4%	<b>100%</b>

7. (ask only those who said no to Q6, 100 people in total) Why won't you bring your own shopping bags? 【multiple answers given by interviewees, interviewers would ask if there're further answers】

	No. of People	% of the cases
It's troublesome / inconvenient	61	<b>62%</b>
Forget to bring them usually	18	18%
Don't buy things at all so there's no need for a bag	13	13%
The shop will dispense them	7	7%
Want to save them and give away	6	6%
Don't have one	4	4%
It embarrassing / doesn't look good	5	5%
Others	3	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

8. If a shop charges you for a bag, would you still shop there?

	No. of People	Percentage
Yes, more often	2	<1%
Yes, less often	172	17%
The levy is irrelevant to choice of shopping place	810	<b>81%</b>
Don't know / hard to say/ no comments	16	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

9. Is a 50 cents plastic bag levy enough to reduce the use of plastic bags by the public?

	No. of People	Percentage
Yes	789	<b>79%</b>
No	184	18%
Don't know/ hard to say/ no comments	27	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

10. Is the plastic bag levy economically acceptable?

	No. of People	Percentage
No	159	16%
Yes(include those who don't use plastic bags anymore)	836	<b>84%</b>
Don't know / hard to say	4	<1%
Don't want to answer	1	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>100%</b>

11. Do you know which shops are going to charge for plastic bags? Name three shops. (answers given by interviewees, cannot give more than three)

	No. of People	% of the cases
百佳 Park N Shop	689	69%
惠康 Wellcome	672	67%
萬寧 Mannings	184	18%
華潤超市 CRC supermarket	176	18%
7-eleven / 7-11 便利店	103	10%
屈臣氏 Watson's	97	10%
OK	31	3%
吉之島 Jusco	17	2%
CitySuper	17	2%
大昌食品 DCH Food	5	1%
華潤百貨 CRC department store	2	<1%
Taste	2	<1%
永安 Wing On	1	<1%
Others	23	2%
Don't know /can't remember	254	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>997 人</b>	

12. Which of the following shops or vendors other than the supermarkets and chain stores you think should impose a plastic bag levy? (answers were read, interviewees can pick more one answer)

	No. of People	% of the cases
Newspaper vendors	584	59%
Pharmacies	514	52%
House-ware shops	474	48%
Stationers	468	47%
Boutiques	453	46%
Groceries	398	40%
Watch and accessory shops	393	40%
Electronic appliance retailers	370	37%
Restaurants	304	31%
Bakeries	261	26%
Perishables vendors	194	20%
All of the above	109	11%
None of the above	70	7%
Others	18	2%
Don't know / hard to say /no comments	21	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>993 人</b>	

**Table 2: Demography of those who won't bring bags even when the plastic bag levy is introduced** (100 people in total, 10% of the all, those who said no to Q6)

<b>Sex</b>	Male (76%)	Female (24%)	
<b>Education</b>	Primary School (13%)	Secondary School (47%)	College or above (40%)
<b>Occupation</b>	Executives and professionals (21%)	Students (29%)	

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