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Views on GST

The principles should be stable (steady), predictable, justice and affordable (not necessarily broad) tax base, eg tax-exempt charities are limited to HKSAR charities.

Para-graph	Quote	View	Pros
61(f)	[GST] attracting foreign investment and talent	Objection	Actually GST increases costs of businesses and living
65, 78(d)	efficient	Objection	GST is inefficient even the e.g. in paragraph 72 is simple
77	[GST] should minimize the administrative costs for the Government and compliance costs for business	Objection	GST is inefficient even the e.g. in paragraph 72 is simple
78(b)	Single rate	Objection	1. Proven for many years, salary tax rate is progressive 2. GST should be progressive (e.g. 0 for daily essentials) for those can afford luxuries
78(d), 146	Broad	Objection	The principles should be stable (steady), predictable, justice and affordable
78(i) And 224	Financial services be zero rated	Objection	1. HKSARG was too merciful for financial sharks as in financial turmoil 1997 2. Provided that HKSAR is competitive as a financial centre, carefully-considered financial services should be GST-rated
78(k)	Storage of imported goods pending GST payment	Minimise storage of imported goods pending GST payment	Decreasing efficiency and probable incurring losses, especially fresh food, fashion, speed post etc

Box 8 after par. 150	Food and meals away from home up 5%; Alcoholic products not rise in price; education, medical services, public transport fares and utility charges up 5%	Food and meals away from home not rise in price; Alcoholic products up 5%; education, medical services, public transport fares and utility charges not rise in price	1. Food and meals away from home (lunches are essential if not home-made for full-time employees and students; food and meals at other times are essential if not home-made for shift employees and part-time students); education, medical services, public transport fares and utility charges are essential but alcoholic products are not 2. Alcoholic products have been taxed for tens of years and are hazardous to health
Table 10 after par. 172	Retiree	Retiree and employee nearly retires does not have sufficient wealth for family after retirement	1. Sudden GST levy is against long-standing policy of retirement planning, including MPF enforcement
184	Adjust duty on liquor down	Keep duty on liquor if not adjust it up	Liquor has indirect tax for tens of years and is hazardous to health

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