

# The Reformation of Environmental Fiscal from External Cost of CO emission of the Logistic Vehicles for the Development of Green Logistic Infrastructure

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## Abstract

**Purpose of research:** The study on the environmental fiscal of the external cost or Damage Social Cost is to provide a platform of the financial aid or assistance for the redevelopment of damaged environments due to the negative externality produce by logistic vehicles. This study identifies the external cost and the reformation of the damaged cost as the instrument of environmental fiscal for the redevelopment of damaged environment.

**Methodology:** This study will be based on the Marginal Cost Approach (MCA) and the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) of Social Cost of Carbon Emission in UK and Malaysia road tax 2009 to establish the external cost in Malaysia context. The survey and observation were carried out along the road 64km road from North Port Klang to Free Commercial Zone (FCZ), KL International Airport (KLIA) and the road were identified by the Department of Environment Malaysia (DoE) as most polluted and intensively used by the logistic vehicles. The result of three (3) day survey along North Port to FCZ KLIA to be used as a source for the reformation of external cost. The equipment, called CALINE4 being used to measure the CO emission released by logistics vehicles. The CO emission collected data to be used for formulating the external cost for reformation of environmental fiscal.

**Findings:** Influencing factors of this study is the MCA and CBA that used as reference to develop the social cost or external cost. The equipment used to measure the dispersion from the line source and collected data from various types of vehicles. In additional the background of the survey area surrounds by oil palm factory, paper factory and other development activities.

**Research implication:** This research fills in the gap by establishing the external cost in Malaysia for the redevelopment of environment and as the benchmark cost for the reformation of financial assistance that can be used by DoE to establish the environmental fiscal. It is also as a head start for the government to establish financial institutional based from the external cost which is still not being identified as one of the sources for the redevelopment or new development of the environment towards a Green Economy.

**Practical implication:** Since Malaysia towards reducing the CO emission and towards the green economy for the sustainable future, this research will give an idea to the policy makers and also one of economy instruments for the development of Green Economics.

**Originality/value of research:** This paper highlighted that the reformation of Environmental Fiscal is essential that helped government to establish the financial assistance for the sustainability of the environment, social and economic through the external cost.

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### **Introduction**

The logistics vehicles being used to deliver a different kind of goods, equipment, material, etc. and depends on a demand of a customer for the product. Normally, in Malaysia the logistic vehicles comprise of Heavy Weight Truck, Light Weight Truck, Van etc. Those vehicles used fossil fuel that release CO emission from the vehicle movement activities that produce negative externality to the environment. The mode of delivery of the products starts from the operation of delivering raw material to the manufactory, operation of warehouse, material handling, distribution, etc. The traditional way of logistic services are through several network systems such as Just in Time, Door to Door Delivery, Milk Run, Multi model network etc are among the system being used in Malaysia. This traditional way of logistic services had incurred substantial cost of subsidies, externality cost, environmental damage, inefficient management and operation while damaging the environment by contributing CO to the atmosphere.

### **Background of the study**

#### *Environmental Fiscal*

In developed countries, it is known as a 'tax shifting program' is to raise revenue which can be used for the development of the infrastructure EEA (2005). It is also a significant financial resource for achieving the objective of sustainable development and one of the important tools of market-based instrument for the environmental policy that increase the attention. (OECD, 2005) The reformation of environmental fiscal is shifting the burden of the conventional taxes to environmental damaged activities such as CO emission or pollution from the logistic provider. This concept on the taxation is for the negative externality which influencing and changing the behavior of producers and customer to be more sustainable. The revenue should be for the environmental benefit, which can be used for financial environmental investment S. Stefan (2008). It has a wide concept where the charges of negative external cost of logistic can raise the revenue for the development of Green Logistic infrastructure. The revenue rose from the external cost charged to the logistic provider where other conventional tax is to be reduced or abolish to lesser the burden of the logistic player in the market. The policy measure can achieve the environmental benefit where the revenue to be distributed fairer for development of green logistic infrastructure for the sustainable development and lower the tax burden of logistic player.

### **Green Logistic**

The Green Logistics is a way forward of the modern transportation system using the technologies which improve the efficiency, reliability and operational cost of logistic player as quoted by Rodrigue, Brian, Comtois (2001). Mc Kinnon (2010) highlighted that the Green Logistics is a desire to help the environment for a benefit of society and opposed the growth of the traditional logistics services. The studied on the Green Logistics starts from the operation of warehouse, material handling, strategic routing, outbound and inbound of the goods or product movement from one place to another place. Mc Kinnon (2010) quoted that the essence of the Green Logistics framework comprises of;

- Modal split of the logistics proportion mainly uses the road as the main mode, railway and waterbound.
- Average handling factor is the weight of goods and through the supply chain.
- Average of haul on every length of each link in the supply chain and converted to the tonnes-lifted statics into tonnes/kms.
- Energy efficiency is measured by the ratio of the distance travelling and energy consumed.
- Emission per unit of energy being used and emission of unit gases, which will be varies depending on the type of energy source used, engine technology and driver behavior.
- Other negative externalities of the pervehicles-km and per unit is a noisy imitation, vibration, accident, produce of PM10, health impact, etc.
- Monetary valuation of the externalities comprises of the impact of physical measure into monetary values which is a common metric against the environmental effect and environmental cost covers through taxation.

Many corporate agencies implemented Green Logistics delivery services that use green technology, green vehicles, energy efficiency, reuse, innovative packaging, remade, reverse, Eco driving skill etc. with towards the sustainable future. Even though some believe that implementing the Green Logistics will occur higher operational cost compare to traditional way because it involved the investment on the green vehicle, providing eco driving training to the driver, using LNG gases, centralize the reverse product, repacking system, using multi modal delivery mode etc. However, today world class branded product is responsible with their product that release CO and to align with shareholder, customer, ethical investor, NGO etc that demands the product produce is towards the sustainable environment. Among car maker, consumer goods, electrical and electronic product and pharmaceutical producer are as follows;

### **Toyota**

Recognize their problem and learn to improves further through 'Hansei' is a word that improves the environmental performance and learn through their success and failure. TOYOTA, Green Logistic delivery system played a vital role to align with their objective. This program is to reduce the use of fossil fuel by using multi modal mode delivery system through a third party and railway carrier beside of implementing EPA's Smart Way improves their efficiency and cost through the installation of aerodynamic equipment. Eco driving will lesser the idling reduction which reduce the used of fuel around 160,000 gallons or reduce of 1,600 tonnes of Greenhouse gases a year.

TOYOTA environmental initiative 2012 reported that by 2016 they should accomplish CO2 CANCEL with the way forward as below;

- Establish parameter to calculate CO2 reduction volume of each product.
- Provide an estimate to accomplish 'CO2 CANCEL' based on the preliminary calculation result.
- Specify target (including accomplish 'CO2 CANCEL')
- Promote activities to achieve the target
- Achieving the targets
- Define higher target of (CO DOUBLE CANCEL)

The target for CO2 CANCEL is to cover the whole operation of the supply chain, power plant station, manufacturing processes, material used, procurement, distribution, use, reuse and disposal which include in time, resource and cost. TOYOTA also establishes the society and Environmental Management System for sustainability of the environment, society and the economy recycling-based.

### **Nestle**

NESTLE objective on the Green Logistics is to reduce the environmental impact of its distribution activity which involves the usage of energy. NESTLE management 2008 reported, the production alone has generated direct emission of CO2 around 4.1mil tonne and indirect emission is about 3.0mil tonne and 95kg of direct CO2 per tonne of product. The distribution activity contributed 41mio tonne of CO2 with an average of transport distance around 800km. The total distance is approximately 2.8bio km per tonne-km with a total run of 32.8bio tonne-km. The use of fuel consumption is 900mio liter with an average of CO2 emission of 72g per tonne km with the total of 2.4mil tonne direct CO2 emissions.

NESTLE initiative towards sustainability by implementing the alternative transport mode, new type of fuel, engine technology, Eco driving skill, etc. Beside of that NESTLE look into the loading factor such as collaborate with other distributor, optimize load capacity with palletization planning. NESTLE also studied possible ways to reduce the emission and focus on various aspects, for example NESTLE Germany and Mexico using an alternative transportation mode, Poland embark on Eco driving skill and telematics, while Thailand redesign the distribution network.

## **Methodology**

### *The Cost-Benefit Approach(CBA)*

CBA primary objective is to calculate socially optimum level of emission through time and to keep emissions at optimum level. The price of emission defined as pollution tax for the polluter. In the cost - benefit framework, to obtained the intersection of the marginal abatement cost and the marginal social damage is when the emission at the optimum level where the incremental social costs of lesser pollution are equal to the additional benefit to social cost. This shows that the society will gained benefit from the reduction of pollution. However, the social cost also depends to the marginal damage of a tonne of carbon emission from the logistic activities that emit the amount of CO to the atmosphere.

### *The Marginal Cost Analysis (MCA)*

MCA to calculate directly the different between future damage levels has caused by the marginal baseline emissions. The damage cost is calculated under the marginal cost is very similar with the Cost Benefit Analysis. Hence, when the damaged caused by a tonne CO depends to the CO concentration in atmosphere. The level of CO concentration is cumulative level of emission or in other words 'a stock of CO' in the atmosphere that determines the amount of damaged caused by additional emission of CO concentration. The emission of CO can be calculated and the cost of emission will be different in future, thus it is necessary to have discount rate because in CBA approach is to convert damages back to the current values. In calculating the marginal cost at the Business as Usual (BAU) and it is important to noted that the marginal damage is assume to be increase and it parallel to the social marginal damage curve. For mitigate the BAU the marginal abatement need to be address to the polluter to ensure that the CO emission can be controlled.

### *Estimation of the Social Cost/tonne of CO emission*

Since IPCC working on the on Economic and Social Dimension of Climate Change and reported based on the literature review of the estimates damage cost produced price within the range of \$5 - \$125/tonne of CO emission. In some studies shows that generally the produce social cost estimates that increase through time. The relevant cost to be increased between \$7 - \$154/tonne in year 1990 and by year 2000 is increasing to \$9 - \$197/tonne. However the existing studies on the damage cost does not represent the confidence but the best guesses the estimate depict damages associate with the climate change. The studies by Nordhaus (1991) and Ayres and Walter (1991), shows that the social cost of CO emission increases through time. The fact is that the damage is consistent and much dependent to the stock of CO in the atmosphere and the rate of economic growth. Thus, CO concentration levels in the atmosphere likely not to be stabilized until to the next century. Even though aggressive global abatement strategy and effort to mitigate the CO emission with assume to that the effect will outweigh any reduction in damage due to improve adaptation. Table below is the associated marginal damage estimates or social cost, these cost also known as external cost in different decades as reference for this study. Source et al C. Richard & D.Kathryn (2002)

**Your breakdown of total emissions by different categories (CO<sub>2</sub>e) by state activity**

Category	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Electricity generation	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Manufacturing and construction	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Transport	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
International aviation and shipping	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Buildings	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Land use change and forestry	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fugitive emissions from oil and gas systems	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fugitive emissions from other industrial processes	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fugitive emissions from landfills	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fugitive emissions from coal mining	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fugitive emissions from other sectors	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>

*Note: CO<sub>2</sub>e is calculated using the 2000 Global Warming Potential (GWP) values. The values are in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e. The values are rounded to the nearest thousand tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e.*

Figure 1

From the above discussion, in Malaysia context to implement the Green Logistics start from measuring the CO release by the logistic vehicles. In order to know the value of CO released by logistic vehicles and its impact, a survey and observation on this has been carried out by identifying the road actively used by the logistic vehicles. After meeting with Department of Environment (DoE) the most polluted road heavily used by logistic vehicles is the road from North Port, Klang to Free Commercial Zone, KL International Airport as shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2

### Data Collection

The map above highlighted the 64km length of road from North Port, Klang (NPK) to Free Commercial Zone KL International Airport (FCZ, KLIA) surrounded with residential, industrial and small township area. The three (3) days survey for the purpose collecting CO data release by logistic vehicles used the road by locating five (5) stations with the distance 15km station from each as shown in Figure 2 below. CALINE4 has been used to measure CO, remote sensing and calculation tool to count the numbers of vehicles pass through every each station.

The collected data used a mathematical equation in measuring the dispersion of chemical and physical processes where CALINE4 IS BASED ON Gaussian Models which measure vertical and horizontal dispersion of the plume as cited in Holmes and Morawaska (2006). It also calculates the CO emission from the line source and require an input of surrounding background environment from meteorological parameter, traffic flow, road alignment geometry, distance of each station and the x, y factor for the GPS coordination system. The used of CALINE 4 (Link Element Algorithm), divide every each highway link in the series of total summed of concentrations estimate perpendicular to the reception location measured along the center line. The 1<sup>st</sup> element is E O is formed to be square and the side is an equal to the highway road width and determines the roadway wind angle, PHI. If  $\text{PHI} < 45^\circ$  means that the center of an element is to located directly to upwind of the receptor. If  $\text{PHI} > 45^\circ$  means that the location of E O remains constant and equal its position at  $\text{PHI} = 45^\circ$ . This will position of E O and helps to achieve smooth model respond to the receptors and nearest link. Thus, the formula will determine the position and length of the subsequent elements:

$$EL = W \cdot \text{Base}^{NE}$$

Where,

EL = Element Length  
W = Highway Width  
NE = Element Numbers  
BASE = Element Growth Factor

And

$$\text{BASE} = 1.1 + \frac{\text{PHI}^2}{2.5 \times 10^5}$$

Another formula can be referred to the Source from Department of Transportation, Division of new technology & Research Rev. June 1989 State of California.

### Data Analysis

Based on the formula of Gaussian Model versus the Field Measurement on 9, 11, 13 October 2010 at five (5) stations, the data has been analyzed are shown below. The result of three (3) days survey is shown in Figure 3 below.

Station	Average 8 hours CO Concentration (ppm) on 9 Oct 2010				Variance ppm
	No. Vehicles	Emission (lb) per traffic volume	CALINE 4	Field Measurement	
1	51,911	23,207.80	5.5	1.3	4.2
2	38,100	17,144.70	5.4	0.8	4.6
3	30,900	13,548.50	5.3	2.1	3.2
4	24,100	10,528.40	5	4.2	0.8
5	22,305	9,777.50	3.7	4.2	-0.5

Station	Average 8 hours CO Concentration (ppm) on 11 Oct 2010				Variance ppm
	No. Vehicles	Emission (lb) per traffic volume	CALINE 4	Field Measurement	
1	40,484	22,113.52	2.1	0.5	1.5
2	40,306	17,924.60	3.2	0.4	2.8
3	33,900	15,004.40	2.8	2.1	0.8
4	26,800	11,818.80	2.8	2.1	0.7
5	21,368	9,385.31	3.3	0.4	0.9

Station	Average 8 hours CO Concentration (ppm) on 13 Oct 2010				Variance ppm
	No. Vehicles	Emission (lb) per traffic volume	CALINE 4	Field Measurement	
1	40,482	17,864.06	3.3	1.3	2.0
2	43,400	19,330.60	3.3	0.8	2.5
3	35,800	15,813.60	3.0	0.5	2.5
4	27,400	12,044.80	3.1	0.4	2.7
5	21,455	9,335.38	2.0	0.8	1.2

Below data is a variance ppm on the CO concentration background of field measurement early in the morning with lesser of logistics activity compared with the data measure by CELINE4 when the logistic heavily used the road. The variance shows that the CO concentration obviously increased indirectly the marginal damage cost could be higher. The result finding discussed below for further understanding on the marginal-social cost of the logistic activity as shown in Figure 5 below.

From the above, the data to be used for measuring the CO concentration and has generate the damage to the environment or social damage cost. Normally the damage cost paid by polluter privately to authority as the marginal cost of abatement and it could be zero if Business as Usual (BAU) activity is lack of abatement. In order to lesser the CO emission it is require to change the mode of services from traditional logistic way to Green Logistics services. BAU without abatement indeed gave an impact to the environment on long term. Below table shows the basic calculation of Full Fuel and Lubricants of the CO emission rate of vehicles as follows;

Since 1996, IPCC, s Working Group 111 has published a range of carbon cost per tonne range from \$5 - \$125, in 2000 start from \$8 - \$160/TC. While in year 1991 - 2000 for the best suggested of the carbon cost. In year 2001 - 2010 the range of carbon cost range of 47 - 154 per tonne of Carbon. Therefore the emission rate above to be used for this study purpose. To establish the external cost of this study will be based on the above emission rate. The result of 3 day survey along 64km road from North Port, Klang to Free commercial Zone, KLIA and the emission (lb) of every station 1,2,3,4 and 5 in Figure 6 below;

### Discussion

The data tabulated below configure the damage social cost that incurs from the logistic activity and the amount are very substantial for Social Cost Benefit through the collection of abatement cost as shown below in Figure 6. The social damage cost could be higher because the logistic activity within the residential, industrial and small township area. The Marginal Abatement Damage Cost could be a baseline to ensure that the logistic activity can be monitored and the implementation of Green Logistics is essentially a way to reduce a stock of CO in the atmosphere in the area. Therefore, the damage cost at Station 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 along the 64km from Northport to KLIA as per above shows that the intensity of logistic activity includes other emission from social activity. The overall damage cost in five (5) stations shows that at Station 1, 2 & 3 incur higher cost where by the Heavy Truck (Diesel) mostly used the road heavily within 45km of this road. The emission becomes lesser towards KLIA due to only a few of Light

Truck and Heavy Truck used the remaining length of the road. Below table tabulated the damage cost within three (3) days survey on the emission from the logistic activity.

STATION	Damage Cost (\$)3 days survey based Best Guess	Estimate Damage Cost (\$/day based Best Guess	Emission per unit traffic volume (lb)/3 day
Station 1	1,740,817.78	580,205.95	21,068.39
Station 2	1,385,048.80	461,682.93	18,133.23
Station 3	1,051,039.44	350,346.48	14,850.32
Station 4	706,948.44	235,649.48	11,464.26
Station 5	555,886.63	185,295.54	9,772.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,439,541.09</b>	<b>1,848,180.38</b>	<b>163,288.49</b>

Figure 4

From the above data the assume damage cost calculated based on the average of emission traffic volume depends on the location/station and best guess damage cost. Precisely every each station has different emission volumes from the traffic used the road. The assume damage social cost along 64km very much depends on the numbers of logistic vehicles. The approximately damage cost could be assumed as \$5,439,541.09 with the CO volume of 163,288.49 (lb)/ emission per unit traffic for three (3) day survey within five (5) stations.

**Environmental Fiscal**

In establishing the environmental fiscal from the damage cost or external cost discussed above, the government policies on the environment should highlight the importance of social damage cost that should be Social Cost Benefit of the abatement of CO emission form the logistic activity. The cost of abatement as well another issue that government need to highlight to the logistics provider as the idea to embark on the Green Logistic could involve other cost such as the use of green technologies, innovation of delivery mode and packaging, training on driving skill, enhance knowledge on green logistic etc. The importance of policy towards the implementation the Green Logistics to reduce the CO stock in the atmosphere based on the literature reviewed et al C. Richard & D.Kathryn (2002) may not give total impact to the whole environment but at least it could reduce the Social Damage Cost to the society within the area. The complex issue on the damage cost or external cost as the cost generated is the assume cost based on the best guess cost over the decades either it could be lower or higher. Uncertainty of the emission also depends on the initiative to reduce and as well the uncertainty on the damage cost in future. Therefore, to lesser the problems on the uncertainty of damage cost or external cost, the government should established comfortable external cost or taxation (shadow cost of external cost) at very reasonable cost over for few years as part of abatement activity for the sustainability of environment and society.

**Logistics Provider Cooperation**

As many international brands has embarked on the Green Logistics as discussed and proven on the benefit that reduce the operating cost and CO emission for Social Cost Benefit as an approach of abatement through activity. The innovation on delivery mode, packaging, driving skill, etc has reduced the operating cost of logistics provider regardless of the Social Cost Benefit that another issue of cost incurs from logistic activity. The government should also emphasize on the benefit of Green Logistic to the local logistic provider and impose charges through legislation by stages. While the damage cost or external cost can be imposed through taxation depends to the intensity of logistic activity and depends to their

initiative to reduce CO emission. With that the logistic provider will slowly change the mode of their traditional operandi to more greener by stages with the support of government by providing subsidies, incentive or reduction through taxation. Logistics cooperation to reduce the cumulative CO in the atmosphere helps to reduce damage cost and higher the benefit of the society.

### Conclusion

From the discussion, in reforming the environmental fiscal through the external cost or damage cost actually can be realized. The implementation of damage cost through taxation is one of the effective ways of collecting the damage cost from the polluter. This initiative should streamlines with the objective to reform the Social Cost Benefit that driven from the government policy. The government should play an important role to achieve this objective and not just focus on the green technology alone. By doing so the government should also provide the Green Logistics infrastructure to minimize the congestion and fuel usage of the logistic vehicle that currently use a common road with other personal and passenger vehicles.

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