

**Bills Committee on Energy Efficiency
(Labelling of Products) Bill 2007**

**The Administration's response to Action Items
raised at the Bills Committee meeting on 14 February 2008**

Size of the energy label

The current design of the energy label is large enough to accommodate additional information on the year in which the reference number is assigned or the year in which the new calculation method takes effect. Electronic copies of the energy labels will be available from the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) for the trade's easy reference.

Compact fluorescent lamps supplied in specified premises

2. In light of the comments of some Bills Committee members, we agree that there is no need to add a new clause 4(1A), which has the effect of exempting importers or manufacturers of compact fluorescent lamps from the requirement to affix energy labels on compact fluorescent lamps when they are supplied in connection with specified premises.

Transitional period for supply of prescribed products with original energy labels

3. We consulted the trade task forces set up by the EMSD at their meetings in February 2008 on setting a deadline after which excepted products (i.e. products listed in Schedule 3) with "old" energy labels cannot be supplied. The trade considered that such a deadline would create undue compliance burden on the suppliers, in particular the retailers. The trade expressed concerns that retailers and some suppliers might have difficulties in obtaining new energy labels. Having considered the environmental benefits expected, the compliance burden on the trade and the practicability of the requirement, we consider that the arrangement currently proposed under clause 11A is appropriate.

4. We have proposed to include information on the year in which the reference number is assigned or the year in which the new calculation method takes effect in the energy labels to assist the consumers in distinguishing new and old energy labels. We will step up our promotion efforts after passage of the Bill to assist consumers in understanding the information shown on the energy labels.

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