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Bills Committee on Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill
HKSAR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Dear Madam/Sirs,

RE: The Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill Consultation

In principle, our association supports the government's initiative in introducing a mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme by way of legislation via Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill to further promote the concept of Energy Conservation. However, the grace period for the wholesalers and retailers to clear the old inventories needs to be minimum of 30 months.

Our understanding is three types of electrical appliances, namely room air conditioners, refrigerating appliances and compact fluorescent lamps, will be included in the initial phase of the mandatory scheme. We have consulted our members and conducted several in depth meetings with the concerned members. The association must balance the public interest as well as our members' well being. Most of our members are from the wholesaler and retailer industries. Our major concerns are that, once the Bill is in affect, there may still be a large amount of floating stock in the market that are without the energy efficiency performance label which may hurt the wholesaler and retailer industries financially and their well being if the grace period is too short.

For the reason mentioned above, we sincerely hope the Government and the Panel to take the lenient approach and allow minimum of 30 months grace period to let our members and industries to clear their inventories.

Yours sincerely,

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