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**Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the  
Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation**

**Minutes of fourth meeting  
held on Thursday, 8 February 2007, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman)  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP  
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP  
Hon SIN Chung-kai, JP  
Hon Howard YOUNG, SBS, JP
- Public officers attending** : Environmental Protection Department  
  
Mr TSE Chin-wan  
Assistant Director (Air Policy)  
  
Mr PANG Sik-wing  
Principal Environmental Protection Officer  
(Air Policy)  
  
Mr SHIU Lik-king  
Senior Administrative Officer (Air Policy Division)
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Becky YU  
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

**Staff in attendance :** Mr Stephen LAM  
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mrs Mary TANG  
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

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**I Confirmation of minutes**

- (LC Paper No. CB(1) 909/06-07 -- Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2007
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 910/06-07 -- Minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2007)

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 January 2007 and 30 January 2007 were confirmed.

**II Meeting with the Administration**

- (LC Paper No. CB(1) 913/06-07(01) -- List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 30 January 2007
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 913/06-07(02) -- Administration's response to LC Paper No. CB(1) 913/06-07(01)
- LC Paper No. CB(1) 913/06-07(03) -- Procedural arrangements for debates on the Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation)

Other relevant papers

Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation (L.N. 258) gazetted on 24 November 2006

The Legislative Council Brief

(issued by the Environmental Protection Department in November 2006)

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached in **Annex A**).
3. The Administration was requested to -
  - (a) advise the total emission of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in Hong Kong and the basis upon which the total amount was arrived at. To also advise the trend of both General and Roadside Air Pollution Indices over the period from 1997 to date;
  - (b) advise the role and contribution of the Administration in reducing the total emissions of VOCs, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, respirable suspended particulates and carbon dioxide in Hong Kong; and

- (c) include in the speech of the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works to be delivered at the motion debate on the Regulation an undertaking that the Administration would conduct a review of the adequacy of the resources earmarked for enforcement of the Regulation, the need to impose liability on retailers and the VOC limit for flat coatings within one year after the Regulation had come into operation.

### **III Any other business**

- 4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:26 pm.

Council Business Division 1  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
26 March 2007

**Proceedings of the fourth meeting of the  
Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the  
Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation  
on Thursday, 8 February 2007, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Time Marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000348	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes of the meetings held on 25 January 2007 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 909/06-07) and 30 January 2007 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 910/06-07)	
000349 - 000841	Chairman Clerk Miss CHAN Yuen-han Ms Emily LAU	<p>Discussion on the procedural options for debates on the proposed Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) (VOC) Regulation (LC Paper No. CB(1) 913/06-07(03))</p> <p>Members' preference for Option II - Motion or adjournment debate initiated by the Subcommittee. It was also decided that -</p> <p>(a) speaking time for members should be 15 minutes instead of seven minutes;</p> <p>(b) the motion debate would be moved at the Council meeting on 14 March 2007 to allow time for submission of report of the Subcommittee to the House Committee on 23 February 2007; and</p> <p>(c) there would be only two motion debates at the Council meeting on 14 March 2007</p>	
000842 - 001147	Chairman Mr Vincent FANG	Mr Vincent FANG's emphasis on the need to adhere to the VOC limits as agreed by the trades	
001148 - 001447	ALA4 Ms Emily LAU Chairman	<p>Discussion on wording of motion -</p> <p>ALA4's reference to House Rule, Rule 14A(a)(ii) which stated that the motion should be neutrally-worded without stating any stance</p>	

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		Members' agreement to the wording of the motion as set out in paragraph 11 of LC Paper No. CB(1) 913/06-07(03)	
001448 - 002232	Administration Ms Emily LAU Chairman	Administration's explanation on its response to the list of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 30 January 2007 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 913/06-07(02))	
002233 - 002919	Miss CHOY So-yuk Administration	Discussion on the total emission of VOCs in Hong Kong and the basis upon which the total amount was arrived at	The Administration to advise the total emission of VOCs in Hong Kong and the basis upon which the total amount was arrived at
002920 - 003230	Ms Emily LAU Administration	<p>Ms Emily LAU's concern about the adequacy of manpower and financial resources for enforcement of the proposed Regulation</p> <p>Administration's explanation -</p> <p>(a) there would be adequate manpower resources for enforcement;</p> <p>(b) about 500 samples of VOC-containing products would be tested per year; and</p> <p>(c) review would be conducted after the control regime had been implemented for some time</p>	
003231 - 003529	Miss CHOY So-yuk Administration Chairman	Miss CHOY So-yuk's request for a review of the prescribed VOC limits for flat coatings within one year from the proposed Regulation had come into operation	The Administration to include in the speech of the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works to be delivered at the motion debate on the Regulation an

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			undertaking that the Administration would conduct a review of the adequacy of the resources earmarked for enforcement of the Regulation, the need to impose liability on retailers and the VOC limit for flat coatings within one year after the Regulation has come into operation
003530 - 005345	Miss CHOY So-yuk Administration Chairman	Discussion on the trend of both General and Roadside Air Pollution Indices from 1997 to date	The Administration to advise the trend of both General and Roadside Air Pollution Indices over the period from 1997 to date
005346 - 005507	Miss CHOY So-yuk Chairman Administration	Discussion on the Administration's role and contribution in reducing the total emissions of VOCs, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, respirable suspended particulates and carbon dioxide in Hong Kong  Administration's explanation on the efforts made since 1997 to reduce air pollution	The Administration to advise its role and contribution in reducing the total emissions of VOCs, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, respirable suspended particulates and carbon dioxide in Hong Kong