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**Subcommittee on Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance  
(Amendment of Schedules) Order 2009**

**Minutes of third meeting  
held on Monday, 7 December 2009, at 4:30 pm  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP  
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP  
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan  
Hon Tanya CHAN

**Public officers attending** : Environment Bureau  
  
Miss Katharine CHOI  
Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment  
(Energy)

Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Mr WONG Sek-cheung  
Chief Engineer/Energy Efficiency A

Mr WONG Lap-chi  
Senior Engineer/Energy Efficiency A4

Department of Justice

Miss KWOK Man-yi  
Government Counsel

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Becky YU  
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

**Staff in attendance** : Miss Kitty CHENG  
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Mr Franco KWONG  
Council Secretary (1)1

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## **I Meeting with Administration**

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 574/09-10(01) — List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 1 December 2009

LC Paper No. CB(1) 574/09-10(02) — Administration's response to CB(1) 574/09-10(01))

### Relevant papers

(Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules) Order 2009 (L.N. 204 of 2009)

The Legislative Council Brief (Ref: ENB 24/26/24 Pt.6)

LC Paper No. LS8/09-10 — Legal Service Division Report

LC Paper No. CB(1) 359/09-10(01) — Background brief on Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules) Order 2009

LC Paper No. CB(1) 483/09-10(03) — Marked-up copy of the Order (Restricted to Members))

The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. The Administration was requested to -

- (a) provide a sample of the sticker label for the voluntary collection scheme on spent compact fluorescent lamps;
- (b) advise the Administration's plan on the third and subsequent phases of the mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme; and
- (c) provide the draft of the proposed amendment in respect of the rated dehumidifying capacity of dehumidifiers.

3. As the Subcommittee had completed scrutiny of the Order, the Chairman said that a report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee would be submitted for consideration by the House Committee at its meeting on 18 December 2009.

**II Any other business**

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:35 pm.

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Legislative Council Secretariat  
17 February 2010

**Subcommittee on Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance  
(Amendment of Schedules) Order 2009**

**Proceedings of the third meeting  
on Monday, 7 December 2009, at 4:30 pm  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I - Meeting with Administration</i>			
000033 - 000655	Chairman Administration	Administration's explanation on its response to members' concerns raised at the meeting on 1 December 2009 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 574-09/10(02)).	
000656 - 002124	Chairman Administration Mr Vincent FANG Mr WONG Ting-kwong Mr KAM Nai-wai	<p>Chairman invited the Administration to respond to the Consumer Council (CC)'s submission (LC Paper No. CB(1)698/09-10(01)) recommending expansion of the scope of washing machines under the mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling System (EELS) to those with a rated washing capacity exceeding 7 kilograms (kg).</p> <p>Administration's response -</p> <p>(a) there was no internationally standardized arrangement on the rated washing capacity for washing machines to be covered under energy efficiency labelling scheme;</p> <p>(b) the sales volume of washing machines with a rated washing capacity exceeding 7 kg only accounted for around 1% (about 2 300 units) of total annual sales quantity of washing machines in Hong Kong;</p> <p>(c) the compliance cost would be relatively higher if these washing machines were included in the mandatory EELS given their limited sales volume, which might drive some of these products out of the market and in turn reduce consumers' choice;</p> <p>(d) a questionnaire survey was conducted to consult all members of the trade task force on the proposed expansion. The majority of them preferred status quo; and</p>	

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		<p>(e) suppliers of washing machines with a rated washing capacity exceeding 7 kg would be encouraged to join the voluntary EELS.</p> <p>Mr Vincent FANG's views -</p> <p>(a) given the limited number of washing machines to be included after the expansion, the threshold for washing machines at 7kg should be maintained; and</p> <p>(b) the expansion might have adverse effect on the suppliers in view of the high compliance cost.</p> <p>While agreeing to the view of Mr Vincent FANG for maintaining the threshold of washing machines at 7 kg, Mr WONG Ting-kwong opined that the scope of dehumidifiers should be narrowed down to those with a rated dehumidifying capacity not exceeding 35 litres (L).</p> <p>Mr KAM Nai-wai's enquiries -</p> <p>(a) whether test reports provided by overseas manufacturers could be accepted for application of energy labels to facilitate the inclusion of heavy duty washing machines in the mandatory EELS; and</p> <p>(b) breakdown on the sales volumes of washing machines with different rated washing capacities ranging from 7 kg to 10 kg.</p> <p>Administration's response -</p> <p>(a) test results provided by overseas manufacturers might not be compatible with that under the mandatory EELS. By way of illustration, the common voltage of the mains electricity supplied in the European Union was 230V which is different from that of 220V in Hong Kong; and</p>	

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		(b) information on the sales volumes of washing machines with different capacities was not available.	
002125 - 002200	Mr Vincent FANG Administration	Mr Vincent FANG's enquiry on the difference in energy saving between washing machines of Grade 1 and Grade 5..  Administration's response that the difference would be around 40%.	
002201 - 002340	Mr WONG Ting-kwong	Mr WONG Ting-kwong's views -  (a) washing machines with a rated washing capacity exceeding 7kg were rather uncommon in view of space constraint of local households; and  (b) consideration should be given to including the energy performance of the drying function of washing machines with built-in dryers under subsequent phases of the mandatory EELS.	
002341 - 002755	Mr Vincent FANG Administration Chairman	Mr Vincent FANG's enquiry on the arrangements to collect spent compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) in private residential properties.  Administration's response that licensed chemical waste collectors were engaged to collect spent fluorescent tubes and CFLs from the collection points on a regular basis. The recovered products were delivered to the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC) for proper treatment.  Mr Vincent FANG's further enquiry on the funding for the collection and delivery of spent CFLs.  The Administration's response that under voluntary Fluorescent Lamp Recycling Programme initiated by the Administration and supported by the CFL trade, sponsorship from the 14 suppliers was used to fund the activities under the Programme.	

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002756 - 002936	Chairman Administration Mr WONG Ting-kwong	<p>In response to the Chairman's enquiry, the Administration confirmed that all spent CFLs collected under the Programme would be delivered to CWTC.</p> <p>Mr WONG Ting-kwong's remark that he was not aware of the sticker label for the Programme.</p>	The Administration to provide a sample of the sticker label for the voluntary collection scheme on spent compact fluorescent lamps.
002937 - 003100	Mr Vincent FANG Chairman Administration	<p>Mr Vincent FANG's concern about the adequacy of funding for the Programme in view of the anticipated surge in spent CFLs upon implementation of the mandatory EELS.</p> <p>The Administration's remark that the issue could be further discussed at the meetings of the Panel on Environmental Affairs.</p>	
003101 - 003328	Administration Mr WONG Ting-kwong Administration	<p>Clause-by-clause examination of the Order</p> <p><u>Division 4 - Washing Machines</u></p> <p>Discussion on the definition of "mains electricity".</p>	
003329 - 003835	Mr Andrew LEUNG Administration Chairman	<p>Mr Andrew LEUNG's views and enquiries -</p> <p>(a) whether washing machines for industrial use with a rated washing capacity not exceeding 7kg should be exempted from the mandatory EELS, which was intended for household appliances; and</p> <p>(b) the inclusion of certain types of washing machines under the mandatory EELS should be determined by usage rather than washing capacity.</p> <p>Administration's response -</p> <p>(a) the testing standard for washing machines under the codes of practice was only applicable to household use; and</p>	

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		(b) washing machines for industrial use would not be included in the mandatory EELS.	
003836 - 003950	Administration	<p><u>Division 5 - Dehumidifiers</u></p> <p>Administration's confirmation that in the light of the Subcommittee's concern and after consultation with the trade task force, amendment would be moved to change the threshold for rated dehumidifying capacity of dehumidifiers from 87L to 35L.</p>	
003951 - 004340	Mr Andrew LEUNG Administration	<p>Mr Andrew LEUNG's enquiry on whether the mandatory EELS included heavy duty dehumidifiers for industrial use.</p> <p>Administration's response -</p> <p>(a) the Administration had consulted the trade task force which agreed to narrow the scope of dehumidifiers to a rated dehumidifying capacity of 35 L; and</p> <p>(b) subject to the Subcommittee's view, the Order would be amended accordingly.</p>	
004341 - 004820	Administration Chairman Mr WONG Ting-kwong Miss Tanya CHAN	<p><u>Schedule 2 of the Order</u></p> <p>Discussion on the information to be contained in energy labels for washing machines.</p>	
004821 - 005915	Chairman Administration Mr WONG Ting-kwong Miss Tanya CHAN	<p>Chairman's enquiry on the rationale for allowing energy labels to be attached to the packaging of washing machines.</p> <p>Administration's explanation that the provision aimed to provide flexibility to the Director to dispense with the need for suppliers to re-pack the products for affixing the energy labels if this was not done at the place of origin. The Director would take a prudent approach in exercising such power. So far, no approval had been given in this respect.</p>	



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005916 - 010430	Chairman Administration	<p><u>Legislative timetable</u></p> <p>Chairman's enquiry on the plan to promote public awareness on the difference in energy performance of dehumidifiers as a result of the change in testing condition.</p> <p>Administration's response that publicity would be stepped up for the second phase of the mandatory EELS.</p> <p>Chairman's further enquiry on the plan on the third and subsequent phases of the mandatory EELS.</p> <p>Administration's response that a review of the effectiveness of the initial phase of the mandatory EELS would be conducted around 2010-2011. It would take into account the outcome of the review and development of relevant testing standards in considering the way forward.</p>	The Administration to advise its plan on the third and subsequent phases of the mandatory EELS.
010431 - 010500	ALA5	ALA5's request for the Administration to provide the draft of the proposed amendment in respect of the rated dehumidifying capacity of dehumidifiers.	The Administration to provide the draft of the proposed amendment in respect of the rated dehumidifying capacity of dehumidifiers.