

**For Information
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**Legislative Council
Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**Revised Code of Practice for Implementing the Second Phase of the
Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme**

PURPOSE

This paper informs Members of the outcome of consultation with stakeholders on the revised Code of Practice (CoP) to be issued under Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance (Cap. 598) (the Ordinance), for the implementation of the second phase of Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MEELS).

BACKGROUND

2. Section 42 of the Ordinance empowers the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, *inter alia*, to approve, issue and revise CoP to provide practical guidance for requirements under the Ordinance.

3. In the process of vetting the Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill, Members of the Bills Committee requested the Administration to consult stakeholders in the preparation of CoP. The Administration also undertook to brief the relevant Panel of the Legislative Council on outcome of the consultation. This undertaking had been included in the speech by the Secretary for the Environment at the resumption of Second Reading Debate of this bill.

4. The second phase of MEELS will commence on 19 March 2010 with an 18-month grace period. Washing machines and dehumidifiers are added as prescribed products to the scheme which should bear energy labels for supply in Hong Kong. To provide practical guidance in respect of these two newly added products, we have revised the CoP in consultation with members of the Trade Task Force comprising representatives from relevant trade and the Consumer Council. Comments from members have been incorporated into the CoP where appropriate.

LATEST DRAFT OF THE REVISED COP

5. The latest draft of the revised CoP is available at the website of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department. We plan to publish a notice on the revised CoP in the Gazette on 19 March 2010.

WAY FORWARD

6. Members are invited to note the outcome of the consultation on the revised CoP as set out in this paper.

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