Bills Committee on Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 31 January 2008

- (1) To solicit the trade's view on the feasibility of including ceiling-mounted type and floor standing type air conditioners with a rated cooling capacity not exceeding 7.5 kilowatts under the regulation of the Bill taking into account their increased popularity in the residential sector. To also provide figures on the importation and sales of room air conditioners with different rated cooling capacities but not exceeding 7.5 kilowatts as well as split type air conditioners with one/two indoor units.
- (2) To consider using the rated cooling capacity of air conditioners rather than their types as the baseline for exemption.
- (3) To review the Chinese rendition of the term "vapour" under Divisions 1 and 2 of Part 2 of Schedule 1.
- (4) To review the drafting of proposed section 4 of Division 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1, which may be too meticulous, to avoid possible circumvention.
- (5) To consider changing the Chinese rendition of the phrase "a room air conditioner is of cooling only type" under the proposed section 6 of Division 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 from "淨製冷型的空調機" to "純製冷型的空調機".
- (6) To advise the rationale for setting a limit on the wattage of compact fluorescent lamps under proposed section 1(b) of Division 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1. To also advise if consideration could be given to dispensing with such a limit.
- (7) To review the Chinese rendition of the terms "screw cap" and "bayonet cap" under proposed section 1(b) of Division 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 with reference to those adopted by the Customs and Excise Department to ensure consistency.
- (8) To review the drafting of proposed section 5 of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to ensure that an energy label is to be affixed to a prominent position of the room air conditioner being exhibited to facilitate consumers to make an informed decision.

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