Bills Committee on Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill 2007

The Administration's response to Action Items 1-2 raised at the Bills Committee meeting on 31 January 2008

Scope of coverage of room air conditioners

At the Bills Committee meeting on 31 January 2008, some members suggested 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. We consulted the trade task force on room air conditioners set up by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department at its meeting in February 2008 on this issue. According to the statistics provided by the trade, domestic-use ceiling-mounted type air conditioners, floor standing type air conditioners and multiple split-system air conditioners with 2 or 3 indoor units with a rated cooling capacity not exceeding 7.5 kilowatts only account for 0.26% of the total quantity sold in 2007. Having considered the small quantity of the above-mentioned categories of air conditioners and the compliance burden involved, we do not recommend extending the application of the Bill to them at this stage.

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