

Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill

The Administration's Response to 4th and 5th Questions raised at the Bills Committee meeting on 20 September 2007

Uploading the draft code of practice onto the Government website

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department is preparing for the upload of the draft code of practice onto its website and expects that interested parties will be able to access the draft code via visiting its website from 4 October 2007.

Interpretation of importer

2. Under section 3 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1), "import" is defined to mean to bring or cause to be brought into Hong Kong by air, land or water. For the purposes of the Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill (the Bill), the term "importer" is interpreted in light of the definition of "import" under Cap. 1 and means a person who brings or causes to be brought prescribed products into Hong Kong by air, land or water. Therefore, the term "importer" will be broad enough to cover "parallel importer" (水貨客).

3. If a parallel importer brings or causes to be brought prescribed products into Hong Kong for the purpose of supplying them in Hong Kong, his activities fall within the scope of regulation under the Bill. Accordingly, he will be regulated as an importer under clause 4 of the Bill.