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Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) (Amendment) Regulation 2024

(Made by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology under section 43 of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) after consultation with the Advisory Council on the Environment)

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 April 2025.

2. Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) Regulations amended

The Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) Regulations (Cap. 311 sub. leg. I) are amended as set out in sections 3 to 8.

3. Regulation 2 amended (interpretation)

(1) Regulation 2, definition of *restricted liquid fuel*, paragraph (a)—

Repeal

"0.005%"

Substitute

"0.001%".

(2) Regulation 2—

- (a) definition of *construction site*;
- (b) definition of construction work;
- (c) definition of Sha Tin fuel restriction area—

Repeal the definitions.

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4. Regulation 4 repealed (restriction on use of liquid fuel and solid fuel in Sha Tin fuel restriction area)

Regulation 4—

Repeal the regulation.

- 5. Regulation 4A amended (restriction on use of restricted liquid fuel in relevant plants outside Sha Tin fuel restriction area)
 - (1) Regulation 4A, heading—

Repeal

"outside Sha Tin fuel restriction area".

(2) Regulation 4A, English text—

Repeal

"no person shall"

Substitute

"a person must not".

(3) Regulation 4A—

Repeal

"outside the Sha Tin fuel restriction area".

6. Regulation 4B amended (restricted liquid fuel may be used in relevant plants issued with certificates of compliance)

Regulation 4B(1)—

Repeal

"outside the Sha Tin fuel restriction area".

- 7. Regulation 4D amended (restriction on use of conventional solid fuel in relevant plants outside Sha Tin fuel restriction area)
 - (1) Regulation 4D, heading—

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Repeal

"outside Sha Tin fuel restriction area".

(2) Regulation 4D, English text—

Repeal

"No person shall"

Substitute

"A person must not".

(3) Regulation 4D—

Repeal

"outside the Sha Tin fuel restriction area".

8. Regulation 5 amended (offence)

Regulation 5(1)—

Repeal

"4(1),".

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) Regulations (Cap. 311 sub. leg. I) to—

- (a) update the sulphur content limit of liquid fuel for industrial and commercial use;
- (b) remove the restriction on the use of liquid fuel and solid fuel in the Sha Tin fuel restriction area; and
- (c) make consequential and minor textual amendments.