



The Hong Kong Voluntary Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme for Electric Clothes Dryers

The new Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme for Electric Clothes Dryers has been launched since **28 December 1999**. Manufacturers, importers and local agents of electric clothes dryers are invited to join the scheme through registration with EMSD.

To qualify for registration and labelling, the appliance should meet the performance tests and energy consumption test requirements. The test methods are based on the internationally accepted **IEC 61121** standard. Successful applicants are required to produce and affix specified labels at their own cost on registered appliance. The energy label gives annual energy consumption, energy efficiency grading and other important information of the appliances such as drying capacity. The energy efficiency grading of the appliance will be assessed on a scale of 1 to 5, by comparing to appliances in the same category according to the specified method laid down in the scheme. Grade 1 is the best.



The Voluntary Energy Efficiency Labelling Schemes covering refrigerators, room coolers, washing machines and compact fluorescent lamps have been introduced respectively since 1995. By joining the scheme, participants can keep pace with the international trend which calls for the use of energy labels. At the same time, they can give assurance to their customers that their products are energy saving and of high quality.



EMSD will carry out random checks on registered and unregistered appliances and take necessary follow-up actions to ensure that the scheme operates effectively. In the event of the labelling scheme being abused, legal action can be initiated under either {the Trade Description Ordinance} or {the Copyright Ordinance}, as appropriate.

EMSD may de-register a non-compliant product if the registration of an appliance is contrary to public interest. A participant who decides to discontinue participating in the scheme or to withdraw any registered model from the registered appliances list will have to give at least three months' notice to EMSD.

Enquiries about the scheme or request for the scheme document can be made in writing to the Energy Efficiency Office of the EMSD on the 11th floor, 111 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, or by calling **2881 1562**.