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To: Recipients of BEEO Technical Circulars

Dear Sir/Madam,

Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance (Cap 610)
Technical Circular No. 1/2024
Launch of the BEC 2024 and the EAC 2024

Purpose

This Technical Circular supplements the Gazette Notice issued on 22 November 2024 regarding the launch of the 2024 editions of the **Code of Practice for Energy Efficiency of Building Services Installation** (the "BEC") and the **Code of Practice for Building Energy Audit** (the "EAC"). The codes have been uploaded to the web-site of the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance (the "Ordinance") (<http://www.emsd.gov.hk/beeo>).

Effective Date

2. The 2024 editions of the BEC and EAC will take effect on the dates specified in paragraphs 5 and 6 below.

Effect on Existing Circular

3. There is no effect on existing circulars.

Background

4. The BEC and the EAC are reviewed on regular basis. The energy efficiency standards and requirements of the codes are progressively adjusted and augmented for continuous improvement of the buildings energy performance in Hong Kong. The new requirements are formulated based on the global development of relevant technology, energy efficiency standards and practice.

Effective Date of the 2024 edition of the BEC

5. The 2024 edition of the BEC will take effect on 23 August 2025 in respect of the date of issue of Stage One Declaration by the developer and the date of issue of Form of Compliance (FOC) by the Registered Energy Assessor under the Ordinance.

Effective Date of the 2024 edition of the EAC

6. The 2024 edition of the EAC will take effect for energy audit being completed on or after 23 August 2025.

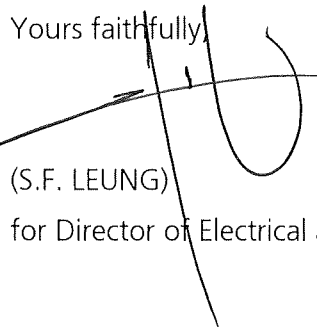
Previous Editions of the BEC and the EAC

7. The current edition of BEC (i.e. 2021 edition), is acceptable to the issues of Stage One Declaration and FOC issued before the effective dates specified in paragraph 5 above. However, pursuant to Section 12 and Section 18 of the Ordinance, all the previous editions of BEC are still applicable for:

- (i) any of the building in respect of which a first Certificate of Compliance Registration (COCR) was issued under that edition of the BEC; and
- (ii) any unit or common area of a building in respect of which a FOC was issued under that edition of the BEC.

8. The adoption of 2021 edition of the EAC is acceptable for any energy audit with the completion date before the effective date specified in paragraph 6 above.

Yours faithfully,



(S.F. LEUNG)

for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services