

Guidance Note on Supply of Energy Label Prescribed Products at Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) Projects

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance, Cap. 598 (the Ordinance) was implemented to facilitate the public in choosing energy efficient appliances and raise public awareness on energy saving. Under the Ordinance, energy labels are required to be shown on the prescribed products for supply in Hong Kong to inform consumers of their energy efficiency performance.
- 1.2. The purpose of this guidance note is:
 - (a) to draw the attention of the Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) contractors, project agents, integrated module owners, private developers, etc. to the requirements on the supply of prescribed products such as room air conditioners, refrigerating appliances, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), washing machines, dehumidifiers, televisions, storage type electric water heaters and induction cookers at integrated modules under MiC method; and
 - (b) to give guidance on the requirements which must be met in the supply of prescribed products at integrated modules under MiC method.

2. Interpretation of Terms

This clause provides definitions of terms used in this Guidance Note. Unless otherwise specified, the definitions adopted in this Guidance Note follow those stipulated in the Ordinance, if any.

“Director” means the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services.

“energy label”, in relation to a prescribed product, means a

label that contains information about the energy efficiency and performance characteristics of the product.

“listed model” in relation to a product model, means a model the reference number of which is included in the record kept under section 14 of the Ordinance.

“prescribed product” means a product specified in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Ordinance.

“reference number” means a number assigned to a product model by the Director under section 8 of the Ordinance.

“specified document” means a document within the meaning of section 6 of the Ordinance.

“specified information” means the information within the meaning of section 6 of the Ordinance.

“specified person”, in relation to a product model, means a person who has submitted the specified information in respect of the model under section 6 of the Ordinance.

“supply”, in relation to the supply of a prescribed product, means –

- (a) to sell or hire out the prescribed product;
- (b) to offer, keep or exhibit the prescribed product or any part of the product for sale or for hiring out;
- (c) to exchange or dispose of the prescribed product for consideration;
- (d) to transmit, convey or deliver the prescribed product in pursuance of –
 - (i) a sale;
 - (ii) a hiring out; or
 - (iii) an exchange or disposal for considerations; or
- (e) for commercial purposes, to give the prescribed product as a prize or to make a gift of such a product.

“test report”, in relation to a prescribed product, means a report that presents the results of a test carried out –

(a) to find out the product’s energy efficiency and performance characteristics specified in the approved code of practice; and

(b) to a standard specified in the approved code of practice.

3. Obligation of Suppliers

3.1. Under Section 4 of the Ordinance, a local manufacturer or importer of a prescribed product shall not supply the prescribed product unless that product is a product of a listed model with a reference number that is assigned in the name of the local manufacturer or importer, and bears an energy label that complies with the specified requirement.

3.2. Under Section 5 of the Ordinance, a person who is not a local manufacturer or importer of a prescribed product shall not supply the prescribed product unless the person has ensured that the product is a product of a listed model with a reference number that is included in the record, and bears an energy label that complies with the specified requirement.

4. Requirement on Submission of Specified Information and Specified Documents by Suppliers

4.1. A MiC contractor may purchase prescribed product from Mainland/Overseas supplier or manufacturer for installation at the integrated module. Whatever the product model is a listed model or a non-listed model under the Ordinance, the MiC contractor who import the integrated module with the prescribed product shall submit the specified information, including test report of the product model, to EMSD for assignment of reference number in its name, and ensure the product bears an energy label.

4.2. Alternatively, a MiC contractor may purchase prescribed product from Hong Kong importer (i.e. the specified person

whom is assigned a reference number for the prescribed product under the Ordinance) for installation at the integrated module. The MiC contractor shall ensure that the prescribed product is a product of a listed model, and bears an energy label.

- 4.3. A person other than Hong Kong importer (e.g. project agent, integrated module owner, private developer, etc., depending on the contract arrangement) shall not supply the prescribed product unless the person has ensured that the prescribed product is a product of a listed model, and bears an energy label.

5. References

- 5.1. The “Guideline on Submission of Product Information” provides guidance for submitting the specified information and specified documents in respect of a product model.
- 5.2. The “Code of Practice on Energy Labelling of Products” sets out the practical guidance and technical details in respect of the requirements on energy efficiency labelling for prescribed products under the Ordinance.

6. Enquiry

For more details about energy label, please visit Energy Label Net (<https://www.emsd.gov.hk/energylabel>), email eepublic@emsd.gov.hk or telephone 28083465 to contact EMSD.

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