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To:

All Specified Persons of Room Air Conditioners, Refrigerating Appliances and Washing Machines

Dear Sir/Madam,

Circular No. 1/2014

Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme Specified Person to Update Energy Efficiency Grading

Purpose

This Circular supplements the Gazette Notice published on 31 October 2014 regarding the issue of the approved Code of Practice on Energy Labelling of Products 2014 [CoP (2014 version)] and the serving of Updating Notices to specified persons on 31 October 2014 to notify the updating of energy efficiency grading for room air conditioners, refrigerating appliances and washing machines.

Effective Date

2. This Circular takes effect on 31 October 2014.

Background

3. The above Gazette Notice and Updating Notice issued on 31 October 2014 specify that the CoP (2014 version), specifying the new calculation methods of the energy efficiency grading of room air conditioners, refrigerating appliances and washing machines, takes effect on 31 October 2014 ("effective date"). The Updating Notices to specified persons on 31 October 2014 also specifies that on or after 25 November 2015 ("the specified date"), the energy efficiency

grading that is to be shown on the energy label of the three prescribed products supplied by any specified person is the energy efficiency grading calculated in accordance with the new calculation methods in the CoP (2014 version).

4. To avoid confusion to the consumers during the transitional period (i.e. from 31 October 2014 to 24 November 2015) and ensure a smooth change-over from energy label of existing energy efficiency grading to energy label of new energy efficiency grading, a Task Force including the representatives of relevant trade associations and the Consumer Council has worked out the following transitional arrangements.

Submission of Product Information – Existing Product Model

5. For an existing product model already listed before 31 October 2014, the specified person submits to EMSD during the transitional period in a specified form (Form 4) to update the calculation of the new energy efficiency grading in accordance with the CoP (2014 version), unless he no longer supplies the product model.

6. If a specified person no longer supplies an existing product model, he should submit to EMSD in a specified form (Form 3) to update the production information.

Submission of Product Information – New Product Model

7. For a new product model to be listed during the transitional period, the specified person submits to EMSD in a specified form (Form 1) with the calculations of the existing and new energy efficiency grading in accordance with the CoP (2010 version) and the CoP (2014 version) respectively.

Energy Label to be Used During the Transitional Period

8. During the transitional period, energy labels of existing energy efficiency grading are used for the three prescribed products to be supplied in the market.

Method of Affixing Energy Label During the Transitional Period

9. For room air conditioners, refrigerating appliances and washing machines contained in packaging which are manufactured in or imported into Hong Kong during the transitional period, the energy label of existing energy efficiency grading can be affixed in a prominent and clearly visible position of the packaging. This is to facilitate subsequent replacement by energy label of new energy efficiency grading at the end of the transitional period.

10. However, for display units to be exhibited at retail outlets during the transitional period,

the energy labels of existing energy efficiency grading should be affixed in a prominent and clearly visible position of the display units.

Replacement of Energy Label at Retail Outlets Before the Specified Date

11. In the week of 18 to 24 November 2015 immediately before the Specified Date (i.e. 25 November 2015), the energy labels of existing energy efficiency grading on display units at retail outlets can be replaced by energy labels of new energy efficiency grading. However, consumers should be clearly informed in advance by the retailers/suppliers when purchasing such prescribed products during the 7-day change-over period.

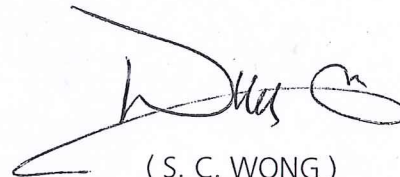
Energy Label to be Used On or After the Specified Date

12. On or after the Specified Date (i.e. 25 November 2015), the energy labels of new energy efficiency grading shall be used for the three prescribed products to be supplied in the market. Moreover, all display units to be exhibited at retail outlets shall also bear the energy labels of new energy efficiency grading affixed in a prominent and clearly visible position.

Enquiry

13. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact our Mr. C. Y. SHUM at 2808 3376 or Mr. Y. K. CHAN at 2808 3295.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Wong', is written over a horizontal line.

(S. C. WONG)

for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services