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To:

All specified persons of refrigerating appliances, washing machines  
and storage type electric water heaters

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Circular No. 1/2024**

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

#### Purpose

This Circular supplements the gazette notice published on 8 March 2024 (G.N. 1313) regarding the issue of the approved Code of Practice on Energy Labelling of Products (CoP) 2024 and the updating notice to specified persons of refrigerating appliances, washing machines and storage type electric water heaters on 8 March 2024.

#### Effective Date

2. This Circular takes effect on 30 June 2024.

## Background

3. The aforementioned gazette notice and updating notice issued on 8 March 2024 specify that the CoP (2024 version), which sets out the new energy efficiency grading requirements of refrigerating appliances, washing machines and storage type electric water heaters (the three prescribed products), will take effect from 30 June 2024 (effective date). The updating notice also specifies that on or after 30 September 2025 (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 (2024 version).

4. To avoid confusion to the consumers during the transitional period (i.e. from 30 June 2024 to 29 September 2025) and ensure a smooth change-over from energy labels of existing energy efficiency grading to energy labels of new energy efficiency grading, a task force comprising representatives from 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 30 June 2024, the specified person shall submit the reference number assigned to the product model and the calculation of the energy efficiency grading of the product model in accordance with the CoP (2024 version) in a specified form (Form 4) to the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (the Director) during the transitional period, unless he no longer supplies the product model.

6. If a specified person no longer supplies an existing product model, he shall submit to the Director the specified form (Form 3) for updating the product information.

#### Submission of Product Information – New Product Model

7. For a new product model to be listed during the transitional period, the specified person shall submit the calculations of the existing and new energy efficiency gradings in accordance with the CoP (2023 version) and the CoP (2024 version) respectively in a specified form (Form 1) to the Director.

#### Energy Labels to be Used During the Transitional Period

8. Similar to previous upgrading exercises of the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme, during the transitional period, energy labels of existing energy efficiency grading are used for the three prescribed products to be supplied in the market.

9. For the three prescribed products contained in packaging which are manufactured in or imported into Hong Kong during the transitional period, energy labels of existing energy efficiency grading can be affixed to a prominent and clearly visible position of the packaging. This is to facilitate subsequent replacement by energy labels 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, energy labels of existing energy efficiency grading shall 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 23 to 29 September 2025 immediately before the specified date (i.e. 30 September 2025), 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 of the arrangement by the retailers or suppliers before purchasing the three prescribed products during the 7-day change-over period.

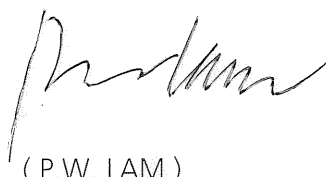
Energy Labels to be Used On or After the Specified Date

12. On or after the specified date (i.e. 30 September 2025), 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 be affixed with energy labels of new energy efficiency grading in a prominent and clearly visible position of the product.

Enquiry

13. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Mr. M T AU at 3757 6163 or Mr. N H CHU at 2808 3295.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services