

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Retail Task Force**

Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme

Purpose

This note aims to update Members of the Retail Task Force on the progress of the proposed mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (the Scheme) for specified electrical appliances in Hong Kong.

Task forces with the trade

2. We have set up two task forces with relevant trade associations and suppliers to work out the implementation details of the Scheme. So far, the two task forces have each held three meetings.

Survey

3. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will conduct a survey to collect market data from consumers, retailers, and manufacturers/importers in respect of the three specified products to be included in the Scheme.

Registration fee

4. The charging of a registration fee under the Scheme is in line with the established Government policy to recover the administrative cost for licensing or registration services. We note that the trades' objection to the proposed registration fee. We will further discuss with the trades through the task forces.

Legislative Timetable

5. We are now preparing the legislation for the introduction of the Scheme. We aim to introduce the legislation into the Legislative Council by the end of 2006.