

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Retail Task Force**

***Proposed Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme
- December 2006 Update***

Purpose

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

Survey

2. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department is currently conducting a market survey on all business establishments involved in the manufacturing or importing of the three specified products in the Scheme. Questionnaire will be sent to members of the relevant trade associations and all relevant establishments listed in the Register of the Census and Statistics Department.

3. The survey aims to assess the latest penetration rate of energy labels under the voluntary scheme in the market, the potential energy savings to be achieved through the Scheme, and the cost implications of the proposed Scheme on the trade. The results of the survey will enable us to assess the overall impact of the Scheme to the trade. We will also conduct a survey to collect public views on the Scheme.

Way Forward

4. We aim to complete the survey in January 2007. Once completed, we will report to the RTF the results of our survey and the latest progress of our discussion with the trade on the implementation details of the Scheme. We aim to introduce the legislation into the Legislative Council in the second quarter of 2007.