

Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) (Amendment) Regulation 2024 gazetted

The Government today (November 15) gazetted the Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) (Amendment) Regulation 2024.

The Amendment Regulation will tighten the statutory limit on the sulphur content of liquid fuel for industrial and commercial use to 0.001 per cent and remove the restriction on the use of liquid and solid fuel in the Sha Tin Fuel Restriction Area (STFRA).

"At present, industrial diesel supplied in Hong Kong already has a sulphur content not exceeding 0.001 per cent. The amendment of the statutory limit just reflects the actual market situation and will not cause any impact on the operational environment of the industrial and commercial sectors. On the other hand, over the past few decades, the planning and development of Sha Tin have shifted it towards a predominantly non-industrial area. The removal of the STFRA restrictions will allow a wider range of recreational and business activities using liquid and solid fuel to be conducted in Sha Tin without significant impact on its air quality," a Government spokesman said.

The Amendment Regulation will be tabled before the Legislative Council for negative vetting on November 20. Subject to the approval of the Council, the Amendment Regulation will take effect on April 1, 2025.