

# Trade consultation on proposed amendments to Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance launched

As stated by the Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB), the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) today (November 15) launched a two-month trade consultation on the proposal to amend the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance (Cap. 610) (BEE0) to strengthen the energy efficiency of buildings and promote decarbonisation in Hong Kong. The trade consultation will end on January 15, 2024.

To enhance promotion of energy saving and decarbonisation in buildings, "The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address" announced that the Government would consult the trade by end-2023 on the proposal of amending the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance, including extending the scope of regulation to more types of buildings, mandating the disclosure of information related to energy audit reports and shortening the interval of energy audits, with the target of finalising the proposed amendments and commencing the legislative work within 2024.

A spokesperson for the EEB said, "Buildings account for 90 per cent of Hong Kong's electricity consumption, and over 50 per cent of our carbon emission is attributable to generating electricity for our buildings. Improving the energy efficiency of buildings will reduce the demand for power consumption and generation, which will not only reduce carbon emissions, but also lessen the financial burden on the public for the increased use of clean fuels for electricity generation. Through the legislative amendment, more buildings will enhance their energy efficiency, and further promote energy saving and decarbonisation."

To prepare for the legislative amendments to the BEE0, the EMSD is consulting representatives of the trades concerned, professional bodies and relevant stakeholders. The EMSD also welcomes views from other sectors on the proposal. The consultation document is available for viewing and downloading on the EMSD's website ([www.emsd.gov.hk/beeo/en/pee/BEE0\\_consult\\_2023\\_eng.pdf](http://www.emsd.gov.hk/beeo/en/pee/BEE0_consult_2023_eng.pdf)).

Relevant views may be submitted to the EMSD by post (Energy Efficiency Office, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, 3 Kai Shing Street, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong), email ([beeo-consultation@emsd.gov.hk](mailto:beeo-consultation@emsd.gov.hk)) or fax (2890 6081).