

Proforma Letter of Application

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Water Supplies Department
47/F, Immigration Tower
7 Gloucester Road, Wanchai
Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for Registration in the Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme on Washing Machines

Our company is the (manufacturer / importer / other related parties (please specify)*) of _____ (brand name, model number and/or name of washing machine) in Hong Kong. We would like to apply for registration of the washing machine in the above Scheme.

We understand fully our obligations as stated in the scheme document of “**Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme on Washing Machines**” (Scheme Document) and will comply with all relevant requirements, in particular those specified below:

- (a) submit application for registration by means of an application letter together with “**Proforma Letter of Application**”, the information/material required in Section 9.4 of the Scheme document and the test report for participation in the Mandatory/Voluntary Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme;
- (b) at our own costs, produce the **water efficiency label and affix/print the water efficiency label** either to the washing machine or its packing at a prominent location in accordance with Section 7 of the Scheme Document;
- (c) ensure that the registered washing machine shall be displayed for sale with the Label;
- (d) fully inform other related parties (such as sales agents, retailers, etc.) in the participant’s sale distribution network once the washing machine is

- registered under this Scheme and notify them that the Water Supplies Department (Department) may request to enter their premises to carry out the random/ad-hoc inspections as stated in Section 11 of the Scheme document;
- (e) allow random/ad-hoc inspection/**re-inspection** to be conducted by Inspecting Officers authorized by the Director of Water Supplies on the registered washing machine at his/her premises **such as the warehouse and/or its retailing spots**;
 - (f) allow the tested and performance data of the registered washing machine to be uploaded to the Department's website for public information;
 - (g) conduct re-test(s) at his/her own costs at a recognized laboratory **complying with the requirements in Section 8 of the scheme document** if non-compliance is found on the registered washing machine. The result of re-test(s) shall reach the Department within the time specified by the Department;
 - (h) **submit a reference sample of the registered washing machine for testing at his/her own cost upon the request of the Department**;
 - (i) **provide additional supporting information/ material upon request of the Department within the time prescribed. Failure to comply may render rejection of the application**;
 - (j) inform the Department of any change in accordance with Section 9.10 (h) of the Scheme Document; and
 - (k) remove within three months all Labels from the washing machine and its packing if it has been de-registered.
 - (l) return the **corresponding** registration certificate to the Department **within one month after de-registration under the Scheme**.

The detailed information of the washing machine which we apply for registration is shown in the attached documents (see Annex 3 for the list of information to be submitted) for your processing.

Yours faithfully,

(Manufacturer/Importer/Agent's Name and Company Chop)

** delete as appropriate*

**Information/Material to be Submitted
to the Water Supplies Department**

1. Information of the company, i.e. name, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, website address, and contact person, etc.);
2. Information of the washing machine being applied for registration in the Scheme, i.e. brand name, model no. and/or name, washing machine category, catalogue/photos (showing the front and side views of the washing machines) and country of origin;
3. Parties which will be responsible for making and affixing the water efficiency label (Label);
4. Proposed commencement date to affix the Label to washing machine (Year _____, Month _____);
5. Detailed test report for participation in the Mandatory/Voluntary Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (EELS). The test report shall be issued by a recognized laboratory complying with the requirements in Section 8;
6. Documentary proof that the testing laboratory appointed by the participant has satisfied the requirement of Section 8.1 and 8.2. The submission of certificate of accreditation, self-declaration statement that the operation of the testing laboratory meets the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 can be considered as documentary proof;
7. For the case of washing machines of same design but with the variation in dimension, colour, coating and finishing, the applicant should consult with the testing laboratory and confirm in writing that such variation will not affect the water consumption and other performance requirements stipulated in Section 5.2; and
8. Documentary proof of the registered washing machine under the Mandatory/Voluntary EELS.

Overseas Recognition

9. General Item no. 1 – 8;
10. Certified true copy of test report used for application for registration of the washing machine under the overseas water efficiency labelling scheme.
11. Certified true copy of documentation showing valid registration status of the washing machine in the respective overseas water efficiency labelling scheme (e.g.

Certified true copy of the registration document, website link, i.e. URL, to the register in respective scheme).

12. Website link showing the recognized laboratory under HKAS MRA or equivalent

Note: Company's chop should be stamped on the Proforma Letter of Application and all the document front covers/pages provided by hand, or through post, facsimile or electronic mail to the Water Supplies Department. All photocopy test reports submitted Department shall be certified as true copy issued by the testing laboratory appointed by the participant. Upon the request of the Department, the participant is required to provide the original copy of the test reports.