

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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for advice

Technical Memorandum for Specifying Air Quality Objectives for Hong Kong

Introduction

A-1 This paper seeks members' endorsement of the Technical Memorandum for Specifying Air Quality Objectives (AQOs) for Hong Kong as attached at Annex 1.

Background

A-2 2. In 1986, the Environmental Pollution Advisory Committee (EPCOM), after considering EPCOM paper 5/85-86 (Annex 2), endorsed a proposal to establish AQOs and the declaration of Air Control Zones for Hong Kong under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance. Subsequently in 1987 and 1989, a set of AQOs were established for the 10 Air Control Zones in the Territory. These objectives and zones formed the basis of air quality management in Hong Kong.

3. The Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Ordinance 1993 requires [in its section 7(1A)] that AQOs be made in the form of a Technical Memorandum after consultation with the Council. Hence a draft Technical Memorandum at Annex 1 is submitted for Members' consideration. The objectives set out in the draft Technical Memorandum are the same as those previously endorsed by EPCOM and established in 1987 and 1989.

Consultation

4. The matter being procedural, consultation is not considered necessary.

Staff and Economic Implications

5. Nil.

Public Reaction

6. Publication of the Technical Memorandum should be supported by the public.

Implementation

7. The Technical Memorandum will come into effect upon publication in the Gazette. It will also be laid on the table of the Legislative Council after gazettal.

Advice Sought

8. Members are requested to advise if the draft Technical Memorandum should be issued.

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