

**For information
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AQO Review Working Group
Road Transportation Sub-group

Terms of Reference and Work Plan

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the terms of reference and work plan of the Road Transportation Sub-group.

Background

2. The Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) (The regulation) stipulates a set of Air Quality Objectives (AQO). The current AQO took effect on 1 January 2014. Under Section 7(A) of the regulation, the Secretary for the Environment (SEN) is required to review the AQO at least once in every five years and submit to the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) a report of the review. As such, we embarked on the review in May this year with a view to completing the review by the end of 2017 and facilitating SEN to submit the review report to ACE by mid-2018.

3. The AQO review is to identify further practicable air quality improvement measures and then examine the resultant scope for tightening the AQO.

Terms of Reference of the Sub-group

4. In order to effectively engage stakeholders for the AQO review, we have set up an AQO Review Working Group (Working Group) comprising stakeholders from different sectors. The Working Group aims to examine the major air pollution sources (including road transport, navigation and public electricity generation), study the practicability for introducing new air quality improvement measures, and assess the resultant scope of tightening the AQO.

Four Sub-groups are formed under the Working Group, they are the Marine Transportation Sub-group, Road Transportation Sub-group, Energy and Power Generation Sub-group, and Air Science and Health Sub-group.

5. The terms of reference of the Road Transportation Sub-group are as follows:

- To identify practicable air quality improvement measures for road transportation;
- To evaluate the feasibility of implementing the measures having regard to the availability of proven technology, time for implementation, economic and social implications and other relevant factors; and
- To prioritize the recommended air quality improvement measures based on the practicability of implementation.

6. The recommendations of the Sub-group will only be used to assess the scope for tightening the AQO. The Government will duly consult the relevant trades and the public in advance of the proposed introduction of any recommended air quality improvement measures.

Work Plan

7. The Sub-group is expected to complete the prioritized new practicable air quality improvement measures in the first quarter of 2017. A consultant commissioned by EPD will then carry out the assessments on air quality and health benefits under different control scenarios in light of the deliberation of the Air Science & Health Sub-group and to complete the assessment in the third quarter of 2017.

8. Work plan of the sub-group are in the table below -

Work Plan	Timeline
The first meeting to brainstorm new air quality improvement measures.	24 June 2016
The second meeting to further explore new air quality improvement measures and the relevant details.	28 July 2016
The third meeting to deliberate on the details and practicability of the measures and their priorities.	29 September 2016
The fourth meeting to seek advice from Members on the draft prioritized air quality improvement measures.	25 November 2016
The fifth meeting to confirm the new air quality improvement measures and their priorities.	January 2017
The sixth meeting to conclude the results of deliberations.	March 2017

Advice Sought

9. Members are invited to note the contents of this paper.

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