**Registration of Motor Vehicles**

Exemption from exhaust emission requirements for non-road vehicles to be terminated on 1 June 2015

The Air Pollution Control (Non-road Mobile Machinery) (Emission) Regulation (the NRMM Regulation) will take effect on 1 June 2015. The NRMM Regulation stipulates the emission standards for non-road mobile machinery (NRMM) including regulated machines and non-road vehicles and controls the use of these NRMM in specified locations or activities such as airport, container terminals and construction sites. In alignment with the NRMM Regulation and to avoid substandard non-road vehicles to be used on roads, EPD will stop accepting application for exemption from exhaust emission requirements for all non-road vehicles from 1 June 2015.

Before February 2014, due to changes in operational need of some non-road vehicles, the vehicles need to be registered in Hong Kong so as to be used on roads. Vehicle owners apply to EPD for exemption for these vehicles from complying with the prevailing statutory emission requirements for newly registered vehicles. After EPD has confirmed that the concerned vehicle complies with the statutory emission requirements at the time when it first arrived in Hong Kong, EPD would grant exemption for the vehicle to be registered. With the Air Pollution Control (Air Pollution Emission) (Controlled Vehicles) Regulation became effective in February 2014, all pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles (DCV) will be retired by the stipulated deadlines and newly registered DCV have a service-life limit of 15 years. In line with this policy, EPD has stopped accepting application for exemption from exhaust requirements for pre-Euro IV non-road diesel vehicles since 1 February 2014.

The new NRMM Regulation will require all newly supplied non-road vehicles to comply with Euro V emission standards and bear a label approved by EPD when they are used in specified locations. It is our policy to avoid substandard vehicles to be used off-road and prevent the specified locations becoming the dumping grounds of old on-road vehicles. As such, any vehicles including on-road vehicles with their licenses surrendered under the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulation to be used for non-road purpose should comply with the emission standards prescribed under the new regulation.