

Requirements for Application on Trial of Alternative-fueled Vehicles

Alternative-fueled vehicles newly introduced to Hong Kong must have the Transport Department's approval before the trial can be commenced. As such, vehicle suppliers making early application to the Transport Department for vehicle approval and supply the trial vehicle within a reasonable time are particularly important. To ensure the application for the trial of alternative-fueled vehicles approved by the Fund can be commenced as scheduled and to avoid unnecessary delay, the application must comply with the following requirements before it is accepted by the Fund:

- (a) if Transport Department has already approved two or more vehicle models of similar class as that proposed by the applicant, applicant must propose an approved vehicle model (or model of the same series) for trial;
- (b) if Transport Department has only approved not more than one vehicle model of similar class, applicant may propose other model for trial. However, the applicant must provide document showing that the concerned vehicle manufacturer or its authorized local agent has submitted the vehicle approval application to the Transport Department for the proposed model (or model of the same series), or proving that the proposed model (or model of the same series) has been approved in other places such that the proposed model has a reasonable chance of fulfilling the Transport Department's approval requirements;
- (c) if there is a need to set up charging facilities for trial of electric vehicles, the applicant must provide document showing that the applicant has the right to set up the charging facilities at the proposed location, and provide quotation to properly reflect the construction works required so that if the application is approved, the charging facilities can be set up as scheduled;

In addition, if the application is approved, the subsidy recipient must include in the tender document for the procurement of the vehicle a requirement that the vehicle model (or model of the same series) proposed by the tenderer must have been approved by the Transport Department, or the vehicle manufacturer or its authorized local agent has already submitted the vehicle approval application to the Transport Department, otherwise the tender bid shall not be accepted.