Notification: On Promotion of Measures to Reduce NOx Emissions from Minor Sources

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In light of a growing social awareness to the environment and technological development, MOE has reviewed a "Guideline for controlling nitrogen oxides emissions from small burning appliances", and produced a "Guideline for promoting low-NOx-emission small burning appliances" as well as the "MOE certification label/mark of low-NOx-emission".

Overall, the achievement rate of the environmental standards regarding nitrogen dioxide has improved. However, since there are still some areas where the standards have not been reached, the Ministry of the Environment has been implementing a range of measures to reduce NOx emissions based on the Air Pollution Control Act.

Meanwhile, regarding small burning appliances which are considered as "minor sources" of NOx and exempt from the Air Pollution Control Act, NOx emissions from them have become measurable as the number of such appliances in use has increased. So MOE has made a "guideline for controlling nitrogen oxides emissions from small burning appliances" applying to compact boilers, etc. aiming to recommend those emit fewer NOx as excellent quality, and to encourage the widespread use of such low-NOx-emission small burning appliances.

Recently, in light of a growing social awareness to the environment and technological development, MOE has reviewed the above guideline and newly produced a "Guideline for promoting low-NOx-emission small burning appliances" as well as the "MoE certification label/mark of low-NOx-emission".

In the future when you purchase a small burning appliance, please pay attention to this label/mark, and consider purchasing one with low-NOx-emission.