

Environmental Services– 2008 Liberalization Measures

1. What are the new measures for the environmental service sector which will be on trial in Guangdong?

The new measures which will take effect on **1 Jan 2009** for on trial in Guangdong is to permit the Guangdong Province to approve the qualification of the Hong Kong Service Suppliers for setting up enterprises to operate environmental pollution control facilities in Guangdong. The relevant environmental services include the following categories (but excluding environmental quality monitoring and pollution source investigation) : Sewage Services (CPC 9401), Refuse Disposal Services (CPC 9402), Cleaning Services of Exhaust Gases (CPC 9404), Noise Abatement Services (CPC 9405), Nature and Landscape Protection Services (CPC 9406), Other Environmental Protection Services (CPC 9409) and Sanitation Services (CPC 9403).

2. What is meant by “operate environmental pollution control facilities”? / What does “operate environmental pollution control facilities” cover?

According to Clause 2 of the Management Methods for Approval of Qualification for Operation of Environmental Pollution Control Facilities (《環境污染治理設施運營資質許可管理辦法》), operation of environmental pollution control facilities refers to social paid services for treatment and disposal of pollutants, or profit-earning activities to undertake operation and management of environmental pollution control facilities for other persons in accordance with contracts signed by both sides.

According to the Clause 5 of the Management Methods for Approval of Qualification for Operation of Environmental Pollution Control Facilities (《環境污染治理設施運營資質許可管理辦法》), qualification for operation of environmental pollution control facilities is categorised into domestic sewage, industrial effluent, dust precipitation, desulphurisation, industrial emission, industrial solid wastes (except hazardous wastes), domestic wastes, automatic continuous monitoring, etc.

Remark: the above is an English translation of the relevant parts of 《環境污染治理設施運營資質許可管理辦

法》. *Exact interpretation should refer to the original text of the document in Chinese:*

http://www.sepa.gov.cn/info/gw/juling/200411/t20041108_62503.htm

3. What relevant Mainland rules/regulations governing the existing regulation of individual service sector are currently available for reference?

Please refer to the Management Methods for Approval of Qualification for Operation of Environmental Pollution Control Facilities (《環境污染治理設施運營資質許可管理辦法》):
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