

Requirements for Application on Trial of New Energy Vehicles

(A) New energy vehicle

New energy vehicle newly introduced to Hong Kong must have the Transport Department's approval before the trial can be commenced. As such, supplier making early application to the Transport Department for vehicle approval and supplying the trial vehicle within a reasonable time are particularly important. To ensure the application for the trial of new energy vehicle approved by the New Energy Transport Fund (NET Fund) can be commenced as scheduled and to avoid unnecessary delay, the application of Application for Trial (AT) must comply with the following requirements before it is accepted by the NET Fund:

- (a) if the 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 the 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 a charging facility for trial of electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle, the applicant must provide document showing that the applicant has the right to set up the charging facility at the proposed location, and provide quotation to properly reflect the construction works required so that if the application is approved, the charging facility 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 for the proposed model. Otherwise, the tender bid shall not be accepted.

(B) New energy non-road vehicle

Models of new energy non-road vehicles newly introduced to Hong Kong must have the approval of the Transport Department or the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) before the trial can be commenced. As such, supplier making early vehicle approval application to the Transport Department/AAHK for its model and supplying the trial vehicle within a reasonable time are particularly important. To ensure the application for the trial of new energy vehicle approved by the NET Fund can be commenced as scheduled and to avoid unnecessary delay, the AT application must comply with the following requirements before it is accepted by the NET Fund:

- (a) if the Transport Department or AAHK 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 the Transport Department or AAHK 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/AAHK 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/AAHK's approval requirements;
- (c) if there is a need to set up a charging facility for trial of electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle, the applicant must provide document showing that the applicant has the right to set up the charging facility at the proposed location, and provide quotation to properly reflect the construction works required so that if the application is approved, the charging facility 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/AAHK, or the vehicle manufacturer or its authorized local agent has already submitted the vehicle approval application to the Transport Department/AAHK for the proposed model. Otherwise, the tender bid shall not be accepted.