

Regulatory Framework for Opening, Operating and Closing a Business

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Utility Services - Electricity

No.	Regulatory Framework	Link
Regulations for efficient deployment of electricity connections and quality of supply		
<i>Regulatory Monitoring</i>		
1.	Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) is the overall regulator for electricity supply	➤ EEB website on Monitoring of the Electricity Companies
2.	The electricity regulator has final decision-making role in approving electricity tariffs	To clearly define the respective roles of the Government as the regulator and the power companies as the investor and service provider, the Government has signed a Scheme of Control Agreement (SCA) (link 1 and link 2) with each power company. SCAs are mutually agreed and legally enforceable contracts.
3.	Role of the electricity regulator in monitoring the quality and reliability of electricity services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set performance standards to ensure service quality and the reliability of electricity services • Monitor adherence to performance standards to ensure service quality and the reliability of electricity services 	To clearly define the respective roles of the Government as the regulator and the power companies as the investor and service provider, the Government has signed a Scheme of Control Agreement (SCA) (link 1 and link 2) with each power company. SCAs are mutually agreed and legally enforceable contracts.

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Regulations on Safety of Electricity Connections		
<i>Professional Certifications</i>		
4.	Stipulating qualification requirements for the parties carrying out the electrical wiring installation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum number of years of experience • Education requirement (e.g., University degree) • Pass a qualification exam 	➤ Regulations 4 to 8, Cap. 406D Electricity (Registration) Regulations
<i>Inspection Regimes</i>		
5.	Mandating that internal electricity installations are carried out by a licensed professional/company	➤ Sections 12, 31, 34 and 35, Cap. 406 Electricity Ordinance
6.	Mandating that the company that carried out internal electricity installations inspect/certify the quality of installation	➤ Sections 12, 31, 34 and 35, Cap. 406 Electricity Ordinance
7.	Mandating that external electricity installations are carried out by a licensed professional/company	➤ Sections 12, 31, 34 and 35, Cap. 406 Electricity Ordinance
8.	Mandating that the company that carried out external electricity installations inspect/ certify the quality of installation	➤ Sections 12, 31, 34 and 35, Cap. 406 Electricity Ordinance
<i>Liability Regimes</i>		
9.	Stipulating parties (besides owner) be held liable by law in case faults are discovered after electrical installation	➤ Sections 31, 34, 36, 55 and 56, Cap. 406 Electricity Ordinance

No.	Regulatory Framework	Link
Environmental Regulations for Sustainable Provision and Use of Electricity Services		
<i>Sustainable Provision and use of electricity</i>		
10.	Setting environmental standards for electricity generation	Electricity generation by combustion of fossil fuels are specified
11.	Deterrence or enforcement mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with environmental standards for electricity generation (e.g., fines or penalties)	<p>processes (SP) under Cap. 311 Air Pollution Control Ordinance which a licence is required for operation (i.e. a SP licence). The licence stipulates requirements on design, operation and monitoring of the generation facility, as well as the emission limit values (ELVs) of air pollutants from the facility. Contravention of terms and conditions of licence of specified licence for excessive emission may subject to fine and imprisonment.</p> <p>➤ EPD's website – An Overview on Air Quality and Air Pollution Control in Hong Kong</p>

Public Services that Facilitate Trade

[Including services provided by government bureaux and departments, and other public organisations]

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No.	Public Services	Link
Monitoring Reliability and Sustainability of Service Supply and Safety of Connections		
<i>Monitoring Safety of Electricity Connections in Practice</i>		
1.	Internal electricity installations works carried out by a licensed professional/company in practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registers for Registered Electrical Contractor ➤ Registers for Registered Electrical Worker
2.	Contractor/company that performed internal installations conducts inspection/ issues certificate of compliance/ checks quality of installation works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Code of Practice for the Electricity (Wiring) Regulations
3.	External electricity installation works typically carried out by a licensed professional/company in practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registers for Registered Electrical Contractor ➤ Registers for Registered Electrical Worker
4.	Contractor/company that performed external installation works conducts inspection/issues certificate of compliance/checks quality of external installation works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Code of Practice for the Electricity (Wiring) Regulations