# 关于节约能源法修订的进展报告 Progress of the Energy Conservation Law Amendments



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- 1. 《节约能源法》实施的情况和成效
  Status and results of enforcing the *Energy*Conservation Law
- 现行《节约能源法》是 1997年11月经八届全国 人大常委会第28次会议 审议通过,于1998年1 月1日起施行的。
- 节能法的颁布和实施, 标志着我国节能工作迈 上了法制化的轨道。
- Current Energy Conservation Law:
  - Adopted at the 28th session of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, November 1997.
  - Implemented January 1, 1998.
- Promulgation and Implementation:
  - Focus on legal trajectories in energy conservation.

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- 开展了宣传教育。每年举办 一次全国节能宣传周活次建 2005年举办了全国首次建了 节约型社会展览会,组织了 "全民节约、共同行动"大型 主题宣传活动。
- Annual one-week campaign for national energy conservation:
  - 2005: first national exhibition on "building an economical community".
  - 2005: large-scale activity on "Nationwide Energy Saving and Joint Action".
- Over 20 provinces promulgated 70 bylaws and gov't regulations on energy saving:
  - "Method of Managing Electricity Saving", "Regulations on Managing Energy Saving of Civil Buildings", "Methods of Authenticating and Managing China's Energy-Saving Products".

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#### The mid long-term plan:

- Scope of energy savings
- 10 key projects for energy savings
- Enforcement of 22 mandatory national standards of energy efficiency

# Labeling system for uniform energy efficiency (since March 1, 2005):

- Ministry of Finance: published government purchase lists of energy saving products (2004 and 2005).
- Ministry of Construction: set up 50% energy savings goal for all newly-built buildings by 2010. The design standard system for building energy conservation established.
- Ministry of Communications: assessed energy savings for the 26 newly-built and expansion port projects.

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- Actively promoted technologies:
  - co-generation, central heating, motor energy saving, electricity-controlled oil saving for vehicles, circular flow bed, clean coal;
  - some energy-intensive industries have improved their technological levels moderately (iron and steel, nonferrous metal, cement, coal, and coking)

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- In over eight years since *Energy Conservation Law* was enforced, the unit energy consumption of GDP has declined from **1.56 tce** per 10 000 RMB in 1998 to **1.43** tce in 2005 (based on 2000 prices).
- The unit energy consumption of major energy consuming products is decreasing, and energy efficiency has moderately improved.

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# Challenges in energy savings administration:

- China's GDP energy intensity declined since reform.
- In the past few years, energy efficiency has declined, and energy consumption per unit GDP has increased.
- According to the "11th Five-Year Plan," China's energy consumption per unit GDP should decrease 20% compared to 2005 levels.
- 2006's goal was a 4.4 % decrease, but the first half of the year saw a 0.8% increase.

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#### **Enforcement institutions:**

- No definite enforcing and supervising bodies.
- Unclear legal responsibilities for administrative departments.
- No special regulatory institutions.
- No regulations for related institutions to carry out energy conservation services.

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■ 二是在调整范围上,偏 重于规范工业节能,对 建筑、交通、政府机构 及公用事业等领域节能 缺少具体规定或尚未涉 及。

#### **■** Scope:

- Focus only on standardizing industrial energy conservation
- Areas not addressed or lacking in specific energy-saving regulations:
  - buildings
  - transportation
  - governmental institutions
  - utilities

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#### Administrative approaches:

- Some clauses contain elements of central planning, conflicting with market reforms.
- There is a need for market-oriented management mechanisms and regulations for fiscal tax policy, pricing, finance, and government purchase, to promote energy saving and energy-saving technologies/products
- Experience indicates that administrative tools are not totally effective; only fiscal tax policy and pricing mechanisms can curb waste and encourage economical utilization of energy

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#### **■** Institutional design:

- Some clauses are excessively principle-oriented and lack mandatory punitive/enforcement measures.
- Adapting management under new conditions is challenging.
- We must learn from advanced international experiences to provide more legal security, with an eye on current conditions and the future.