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ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT  
(CHAPTER 92C)

ENERGY CONSERVATION  
(SECTION 26B EXEMPTION)  
ORDER 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

Paragraph

1. Citation and commencement
  2. Exemption
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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 77 of the Energy Conservation Act, the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the Energy Conservation (Section 26B Exemption) Order 2020 and comes into operation on 1 December 2020.

**Exemption**

2.—(1) Section 26B(2) and (3) of the Act does not apply in relation to the installation or retrofitting of any prescribed system that constitutes development within the meaning of section 3 of the Planning Act (Cap. 232) and —

- (a) was or is authorised under a planning permission for which the application was submitted before 1 December 2020; or
- (b) was authorised under section 21(6) of the Planning Act before 1 December 2020, where the authorisation is subject to a condition that plans of the development must be lodged with the competent authority before development commences.

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(2) Section 26B(2) and (3) of the Act does not apply in relation to the installation or retrofitting of any prescribed system in any premises that does not constitute development within the meaning of section 3 of the Planning Act, unless it is carried out at the same time that any development is carried out on those premises, that —

- (a) is authorised under a planning permission for which the application is submitted on or after 1 December 2020; or
- (b) is authorised under section 21(6) of the Planning Act on or after 1 December 2020, where the authorisation is subject to a condition that plans of the development must be lodged with the competent authority before development commences.

(3) Section 26B(2) and (3) of the Act does not apply in relation to the installation or retrofitting of any prescribed system in any premises that are wholly and lawfully used or occupied or are to be used or occupied by only one person for the carrying out of any business activity that is not attributable to any of the industry sectors mentioned in regulation 7G(b) of the Energy Conservation (Energy Management Practices) Regulations 2013 (G.N. No. S 246/2013).

(4) Section 26B(2) and (3) of the Act does not apply in relation to any installation or retrofitting works by a relevant person for a prescribed system where different parts of the prescribed system are in premises under the operational control of different persons, if —

- (a) the installation or retrofitting works comprise only of the installation, substantial alteration or replacement of one or more cooling towers and their interconnections and accessories; and
- (b) none of the water-cooled chillers in the prescribed system are situated in the premises under the operational control of the relevant person.

(5) In this paragraph —

“competent authority” and “planning permission” have the meanings given by section 2 of the Planning Act;

“prescribed system” and “water-cooled chiller” have the meanings given by regulation 7F of the Energy Conservation (Energy Management Practices) Regulations 2013.

Made on 27 November 2020.

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