

**BILLS COMMITTEE ON
LAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002**

Follow-up to meeting on 16 April 2003

Control of Street Excavations in Tsing Ma Control Area

In the Tsing Ma Control Area, 'placing of installations' is controlled by the Tsing Ma Control Area Ordinance Cap. 498; 'road works' is controlled by the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation Cap. 498 sub. leg.B (instead of the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance).

If a person wishes to install, place, lay or erect any installation within the Tsing Ma Control Area, he has to obtain the approval of the Director of Lands or the Commissioner for Transport (depending on the type of 'installation') in accordance with section 24 of Tsing Ma Control Area Ordinance Cap. 498.

If a person wishes to carry road works within the Tsing Ma Control Area, he has to apply from the Director of Highways for a road works permit in accordance with the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation (Cap.498 sub. leg. B) section 16.

For the case of road works, administratively, the person is required to provide details of his proposed works by duly completing an application form, FORM F-WI-TS003-01. When issuing the road works permit, the Director of Highways will impose conditions to ensure that the works are carried out in a safe manner with minimum disruption to traffic.

If the proposed road works fall within an expressway part of the Tsing Ma Control Area, section 17 of the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation requires the person to comply with some additional requirements in the Expressway Regulation.

The Director of Highways issued 57, 61 and 12 road works permits in years 2001, 2002 and 2003 (as at 31 March 2003) respectively.

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