

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

### **Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541)**

#### **Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Legislative Council Geographical Constituencies) (District Council Constituencies) (Amendment) Regulation 2002**

#### **Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration) (Electors for Legislative Council Functional Constituencies) (Voters for Election Committee Subsectors) (Members of Election Committee) (Amendment) Regulation 2002**

### **INTRODUCTION**

On 27 December 2002, the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) made:

- (a) the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Legislative Council Geographical Constituencies) (District Council Constituencies) (Amendment) Regulation 2002 (“the GC Amendment Regulation”); and
- (b) the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration) (Electors for Legislative Council Functional Constituencies) (Voters for Election Committee Subsectors) (Members of Election Committee) (Amendment) Regulation 2002 (“the FC/EC Amendment Regulation”).

The brief informs Members of the main provisions of the GC Amendment Regulation and the FC/EC Amendment Regulation.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. The Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Legislative Council Geographical Constituencies) (District Council Constituencies) Regulation (“the GC principal regulation”) and the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration) (Electors for Legislative Council Functional Constituencies) (Voters for Election Committee Subsectors) (Members of Election Committee) Regulation (“the FC/EC principal regulation”) set out the procedural arrangements for the registration of electors for geographical

constituencies (GCs) and functional constituencies (FCs) for the Legislative Council (LegCo) election respectively. The FC/EC principal regulation also provides for the same in respect of the registration of members for the Election Committee (EC) and voters for its subsectors.

3. Following the enactment of the Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2002 (33 of 2002), which provides for a revised cycle for compiling and publishing the electoral registers, certain provisions of the GC principal regulation and the FC/EC principal regulation need to be correspondingly amended to tie in with the changes introduced.

## **THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS**

4. The GC Amendment Regulation and the FC/EC Amendment Regulation are at Appendices I and II. The major amendments are highlighted in the following paragraphs.

### **(I) The revised cycle of voter registration**

5. At present, the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) is required to publish the PR and FR, of electors for GCs and FCs, and of voters for subsectors of the EC not later than 15 April and 25 May respectively each year. The Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2002 (33 of 2002) provides for two sets of publication dates for the electoral registers, with a view to reducing the time gap between the publication of FRs and the polling day for DC and LegCo elections respectively to about two months, as follows:

	<i>Publication of PRs for GCs, FCs and Subsectors</i>	<i>Publication of FRs for GCs, FCs and Subsectors</i>
Publication deadlines in District Council (DC) elections years	<i>15 August</i>	<i>25 September</i>
Publication deadlines in other years	<i>15 June</i>	<i>25 July</i>

6. To tie in with the new voter registration timetable, the various dates concerning different steps in the compilation of the electoral registers as set out in the GC principal regulation and the FC/EC principal regulation will have to be amended accordingly. The new dates for the compilation of the GC and FC

registers are set out at Appendices III and IV respectively.

## **(II) Choice of language for entries in the register**

7. The opportunity is taken to amend the yardstick by which the language in which an entry is recorded in the register is determined.

8. The GC principal regulation and the FC/EC principal regulation, at present, require that the name of an elector or voter who is a natural person, the name of an authorized representative or the name of an EC member, is to be recorded in Chinese if the person's signature on the application is in Chinese. To avoid uncertainty in determining the language used by an applicant or authorized representative in signing the application forms, it is proposed that the "principal residential address", which is given in either Chinese or English, be used to determine whether that entry should be recorded in Chinese or English.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

9. There is no need for public consultation because the proposed amendments to the GC principal regulation and the FC/EC principal regulation are basically made to tie in with the new registration cycle as provided for the Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2002 (33 of 2002) only.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS**

10. The GC Amendment Regulation and the FC/EC Amendment Regulation have no additional financial or staffing implications. The Amendment Regulations are in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. They have no productivity, environmental or sustainability implications.

## **LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE**

11. The GC Amendment Regulation and the FC/EC Amendment Regulation will be published in the Gazette on 28 December 2002 and tabled in the LegCo on 8 January 2003.

**PUBLICITY**

12. A press release will be issued to announce the publication of the GC Amendment Regulation and the FC/EC Amendment Regulation in the Gazette. A spokesman will be available for answering media enquiries.

Registration and Electoral Office  
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**ELECTORAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS)  
(LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES)  
(DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES)(AMENDMENT)  
REGULATION 2002**

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(LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTITUENCIES)  
(DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES)(AMENDMENT)  
REGULATION 2002**

(Made by the Electoral Affairs Commission under  
section 7 of the Electoral Affairs  
Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541))

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation shall come into operation on 28 February 2003.

**2. Interpretation**

Section 2 of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Legislative Council Geographical Constituencies) (District Council Constituencies) Regulation (Cap. 541 sub. leg.) is amended -

(a) in subsection (1) -

- (i) in the definition of "District Council constituency", by adding "or (1A), as the case may be," after "32(1)";
- (ii) in the definition of "Electoral Registration Officer", by adding "or section 1(1) of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569)" before the semicolon;
- (iii) in the definition of "final register", by adding "or (1A)(b)(i)" after "32(1)(b)(i)";
- (iv) in the definition of "Legislative Council constituency", by adding "or (1A), as the case may be," after "32(1)";

- (v) in the definition of "provisional register", by adding "or (1A)(a)(i)" after "32(1)(a)(i)";
- (vi) in the definition of "register" -
  - (A) in paragraph (a), by adding "or (1A)(a)(i)" after "32(1)(a)(i)";
  - (B) in paragraph (b), by adding "or (1A)(b)(i)" after "32(1)(b)(i)";
- (vii) by adding -
  - "District Council election year" (區議會選舉年) means a year in which an ordinary election within the meaning of section 2 of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547) is to be held;"
- (b) in subsection (2)(a), by adding "對" before "上一".

### 3. Form of register

Section 3 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (4) -
  - (i) in paragraph (a), by repealing "signature was" and substituting "principal residential address is";
  - (ii) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting -
    - "(b) in English, if the person's principal residential address is in English on the application.";
- (b) in subsection (8) -



- (i) in the definition of "Election Committee", by repealing everything after "section" and substituting "2(1) of the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569)";
- (ii) by repealing the definition of "subsector" and substituting -
  - "subsector" (界別分組), subject to section 1(2) of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569), has the meaning assigned to it by section 11(1) of that Schedule;"
- (iii) in the definition of "voter", by repealing everything after "registered in" and substituting "a subsector provisional register or a subsector final register within the meaning of section 11(1) of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569).";
- (iv) by adding -
  - "sub-subsector" (小組) has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(1) of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569);".

**4. How to apply for registration in provisional register**

Section 4 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1)(a), by repealing everything after

"received by that" and substituting -

"Officer -

- (i) if the provisional register is being compiled for a District Council election year, not later than 16 July in that year; or
- (ii) if the provisional register is being compiled for a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than 16 May in that year;"

(b) in subsection (2), by repealing everything after "Officer -" and substituting -

"(a) after 16 March 2002 but not later than 16 July 2003 must be treated by that Officer as an application received on or before 16 July 2003 for registration in the provisional register for 2003;

(b) after 16 July in any year subsequent to 2002, if that subsequent year is a District Council election year, must be treated by that Officer as an application received on or before 16 May in the year following that subsequent year for registration in the provisional register to be compiled for that following year; or

(c) after 16 May in any year subsequent to 2002, if that subsequent year is not a District Council election year, must be treated by that Officer as an application

received -

- (i) on or before 16 July in the year following that subsequent year, if that following year is a District Council election year, for registration in the provisional register to be compiled for that following year; or
- (ii) on or before 16 May in the year following that subsequent year, if that following year is not a District Council election year, for registration in the provisional register to be compiled for that following year."

**5. Electoral Registration Officer to determine whether or not applicant is eligible for registration and may ask for additional information**

Section 5 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (2), by repealing everything after "within" and substituting "the specified period.";
- (b) by adding -

"(11) In this section, "specified period" (指明期間), in relation to a requirement made under subsection (2), means -

- (a) if the first 25 July that follows the making of the

requirement falls in a District Council election year, a period ending not later than that 25 July; or

- (b) in any other case, a period ending not later than the first 25 May that follows the making of the requirement,

specified by the Electoral Registration Officer."

**6. Electoral Registration Officer may make inquiries regarding persons registered in the existing final register**

Section 7 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1)(a)(ii) -

- (i) by repealing "無權";
  - (ii) by adding "無權" before "登記";

- (b) in subsection (3), by repealing everything after "an existing" and substituting -

"final register -

- (a) in relation to the compilation of a provisional register for a District Council election year, only on or before 30 June in that year; or
  - (b) in relation to the compilation of a provisional register for a year which is not a District Council election year, only on

or before 30 April in that year."

**7. Electoral Registration Officer to prepare an omissions list**

Section 9 is amended -

(a) in subsection (1) -

(i) by repealing "and section 1(5) of Schedule 3 to that Ordinance (as may be applicable)";

(ii) in paragraph (a) -

(A) by repealing "28 February in the current year" and substituting "the date referred to in section 7(3)(a) or (b), as the case may be";

(B) in subparagraph (i), by repealing "16 March in the current year" and substituting "the relevant date specified in subsection (5)";

(iii) in paragraph (b), by repealing "16 March in the current year" and substituting "the relevant date specified in subsection (5)";

(b) in subsection (4)(a), by repealing "16 March in the current year" and substituting "the relevant date specified in subsection (5)";

(c) by adding -

"(5) For the purposes of subsections (1)(a)(i) and (b) and (4)(a), the relevant date is, in relation to the compilation of -

(a) a provisional register for a

District Council election year,  
16 July in that year; or

- (b) a provisional register for a year which is not a District Council election year, 16 May in that year."

**8. Electoral Registration Officer to publish a notice that omissions list is available for public inspection**

Section 10 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1), by repealing "or section 1(6) of Schedule 3 to that Ordinance, as the case may require";
- (b) in subsection (2), by repealing everything after "(Cap. 542)" and substituting -

", is -

- (a) in the case of an omissions list prepared in compiling a provisional register for a District Council election year, the period beginning on the date the notice under subsection (1) is published and ending on 29 August in the same year; or
- (b) in the case of an omissions list prepared in compiling a provisional register for a year which is not a District Council

election year, the period beginning on the date the notice under subsection (1) is published and ending on 29 June in the same year."

**9. Electoral Registration Officer to correct entries in existing final register in compiling next provisional register**

Section 11(5) is amended by repealing everything after "of -" and substituting -

"(a) the provisional register for 2003, after 29 April 2002 but not later than 16 July 2003; or

(b) any subsequent provisional register for -

(i) a District Council election year, after 29 June in the preceding year but not later than 16 July in the current year; or

(ii) a year which is not a District Council election year -

(A) after 29 August in the preceding year, if that preceding year is a District Council election year, but not later than 16 May in the current year; or

(B) after 29 June in the preceding year, if that preceding year is not a District Council election year, but not later than 16 May in the current year."

**10. What is to be contained in provisional register**

Section 12(c) is amended by repealing everything after

"Officer -" and substituting -

- "(i) in the case of the provisional register for 2003, during the period beginning on 17 March 2002 and ending on 16 July 2003; or
- (ii) in the case of any subsequent provisional register to be compiled for -
  - (A) a District Council election year, during the period beginning on 17 May in the preceding year and ending on 16 July in the current year; or
  - (B) a year which is not a District Council election year -
    - (I) during the period beginning on 17 July in the preceding year, if that preceding year is a District Council election year, and ending on 16 May in the current year; or
    - (II) during the period beginning on 17 May in the preceding year, if that preceding year is not a District Council election year, and ending on 16 May in the current year."

**11. Electoral Registration Officer to publish a notice that provisional register is available for public inspection**

Section 13 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1), by repealing everything before "the Gazette" and substituting -
  - "(1) The Electoral Registration Officer must publish, every year -
    - (a) in the case of a provisional



register compiled for a  
District Council election year,  
not later than 15 August; or

- (b) in the case of a provisional  
register compiled for a year  
which is not a District Council  
election year, not later than  
15 June,

in";

- (b) in subsection (2)(a), by adding "relevant" before  
"period";

- (c) in subsection (3), by repealing everything after  
"public inspection," and substituting -

"a copy of the provisional register -

- (a) in the case of a provisional  
register compiled for a  
District Council election year,  
during the period beginning on  
the date the notice under  
subsection (1) is published and  
ending on 29 August in the same  
year; or

- (b) in the case of a provisional  
register compiled for a year  
which is not a District Council  
election year, during the  
period beginning on the date  
the notice under subsection (1)  
is published and ending on 29  
June in the same year,

at the place or places specified in the notice during ordinary business hours.";

(d) by adding -

"(6) Publication of a notice under subsection (1) is to be treated as the publication of the provisional register for the purposes of section 32(1)(a)(i) or (1A)(a)(i), as the case may be, of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542).".

**12. Person may object to registration of registered person in the provisional register**

Section 14 is amended -

(a) in subsection (2)(c), by repealing everything after "Electoral Registration" and substituting -

"Officer -

(i) if the objection relates to a person registered in a provisional register compiled for a District Council election year, not later than 29 August in that year; or

(ii) if the objection relates to a person registered in a provisional register compiled for a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than 29 June in that year.";

(b) in subsection (4), in the definition of "elector", by repealing everything after "means" and substituting "any person whose name is included in the existing final register;".

**13. Who may lodge a notice of claim**

Section 15 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (7), by repealing everything after "Electoral Registration" and substituting -

"Officer -

- (a) if the claim relates to a register compiled, or an omissions list prepared in compiling a provisional register, for a District Council election year, not later than 29 August in that year; or

- (b) if the claim relates to a register compiled, or an omissions list prepared in compiling a provisional register, for a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than 29 June in that year.";

- (b) in subsection (8) -

- (i) by repealing "(7)" and substituting "(7)(a) or (b), as the case may be";

- (ii) in paragraph (a), by repealing "(5)(b) and (c)" and substituting "(5)(a) and (b)";

- (c) by adding -

"(11) In this section, "elector" (選民)

has the meaning assigned to it by section 14(4).".

**14. Electoral Registration Officer to deliver copies of notices of objection and notices of claim to Revising Officer**

Section 16 is amended -

(a) in subsection (2), by repealing everything after "appropriate.";

(b) by adding -

"(3) The copy of a notice of objection and notice of claim must be delivered -

(a) in the case of a notice received in respect of a register compiled, or an omissions list prepared in compiling a provisional register, for a District Council election year, not later than 2 September in that year; or

(b) in the case of a notice received in respect of a register compiled, or an omissions list prepared in compiling a provisional register, for a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than 2 July in that year.".

**15. Electoral Registration Officer to correct entries in a provisional register in compiling final register**

Section 17 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (2)(a), by repealing "period specified in subsection (4)(a)" and substituting "relevant period specified in subsection (9)(a)";
- (b) in subsection (3), by repealing "date specified in subsection (4)(b)" and substituting "relevant date specified in subsection (9)(b)";
- (c) by repealing subsection (4);
- (d) in subsection (6), by repealing "date specified in subsection (4)(b)" and substituting "relevant date specified in subsection (9)(b)";
- (e) in subsection (7), by repealing everything after "received by that" and substituting -
  - "Officer -
    - (a) on or before 16 July in the year following the year in which the request was made in relation to the existing final register for that following year, if that following year is a District Council election year; or
    - (b) on or before 16 May in the year following the year in which the request was made in relation to the existing final register for

that following year, if that following year is not a District Council election year.";

(f) in subsection (8), by repealing "period specified in subsection (4)(a)" and substituting "relevant period specified in subsection (9)(a)";

(g) by adding -

"(9) For the purposes of -

(a) subsections (2) and (8), the relevant period is, in relation to the compilation of -

(i) a final register for a District Council election year, after 16 July but not later than 29 August in that year; or

(ii) a final register for a year which is not a District Council election year, after 16 May but not later than 29 June in that year; or

(b) subsections (3) and (6), the relevant date is, in relation to the compilation of -

(i) a final register for a District Council election year, 29 August in that year; or

- (ii) a final register for a year which is not a District Council election year, 29 June in that year."

**16. Electoral Registration Officer to correct entries in provisional register with approval of Revising Officer**

Section 18(2)(a) is amended by repealing everything after "addition or" and substituting -

"removal -

- (i) in relation to a final register being compiled for a District Council election year, not later than 11 September in that year; or
- (ii) in relation to a final register being compiled for a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than 11 July in that year; and".

**17. What is to be contained in final register**

Section 19(5) is amended by repealing everything after "final register" and substituting -

"to be compiled for -

- (a) a District Council election year, only decisions made by the Revising Officer during the period beginning on 15 August and ending on 11 September in that year; or
- (b) a year which is not a District Council election year, only decisions made by the Revising Officer during the period beginning

on 15 June and ending on 11 July in that year, are to be taken into account for the purposes of subsection (1)(b), (2), (3) or (4).".

**18. Electoral Registration Officer to publish notice of final register and to make final register available for public inspection**

Section 20 is amended -

(a) in subsection (1), by repealing "not later than 25 May in each year, in" and substituting -

"every year -

(a) in the case of a final register compiled for a District Council election year, not later than 25 September; or

(b) in the case of a final register compiled for a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than 25 July,

in";

(b) in subsection (6), by adding "or (1A)(b)(i), as the case may be," after "32(1)(b)(i)".

**19. Offences and penalties**

Section 22 is amended -

(a) in subsection (7) -

(i) in paragraph (a), by repealing "and sections 5, 14 and 23 of Schedule 2 to that Ordinance; and" and substituting a semicolon;



(ii) in paragraph (b), by repealing the full stop and substituting "; and";

(iii) by adding -

"(c) sections 14, 20 and 26 of the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569) and sections 9, 18 and 30 of the Schedule to that Ordinance.";

(b) in subsection (8) -

(i) in paragraph (a), by repealing "and sections 5 and 14 of Schedule 2 to that Ordinance; and" and substituting a semicolon;

(ii) in paragraph (b), by repealing the full stop and substituting "; and";

(iii) by adding -

"(c) sections 14 and 20 of the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569) and sections 9 and 18 of the Schedule to that Ordinance.";

(c) by adding -

"(9) In this section, "election" (選舉) has the meaning assigned to it by section 21(5).".

Made this 27th day of December 2002.

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**Explanatory Note**

This Regulation amends the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration of Electors) (Legislative Council Geographical Constituencies) (District Council Constituencies) Regulation (Cap. 541 sub. leg.) -

- (a) to revise the dates in relation to -
  - (i) the application for registration in electoral registers;
  - (ii) the requirement for particulars or proof relating to application for registration, and the response thereto;

- (iii) the making of inquiries regarding persons registered, and the reply thereto;
  - (iv) the correction of entries in electoral registers;
  - (v) the publication and inspection of omissions lists and electoral registers;  
and
  - (vi) the lodging, and delivery of copies, of notices of objection and notices of claim, following the adjustment of the cycle for the compilation of electoral registers as effected by the Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2002 (33 of 2002);
- (b) to provide that whether the name of a person is to be recorded in an electoral register in English or Chinese will depend on whether the person's principal residential address (instead of the person's signature) is written or printed in English or Chinese on the person's application; and
- (c) to make other consequential and related amendments.

**ELECTORAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (REGISTRATION) (ELECTORS  
FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES)  
(VOTERS FOR ELECTION COMMITTEE SUBSECTORS)  
(MEMBERS OF ELECTION COMMITTEE)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2002**

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FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES)  
(VOTERS FOR ELECTION COMMITTEE SUBSECTORS)  
(MEMBERS OF ELECTION COMMITTEE)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2002**

(Made by the Electoral Affairs Commission under  
section 7 of the Electoral Affairs  
Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541))

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation shall come into operation on 28 February 2003.

**2. Interpretation**

Section 2(1) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration) (Electors for Legislative Council Functional Constituencies) (Voters for Election Committee Subsectors) (Members of Election Committee) Regulation (Cap. 541 sub. leg.) is amended -

- (a) in the definition of "existing subsector final register" -
  - (i) by repealing paragraph (a);
  - (ii) in paragraph (b), by repealing "any subsequent" and substituting "a";
- (b) in the definition of "functional constituencies final register", by adding "or (1A)(b)(ii)" after "32(1)(b)(ii)";
- (c) in the definition of "functional constituencies provisional register", by adding "or (1A)(a)(ii)" after "32(1)(a)(ii)";
- (d) in the definition of "subsector final register", by adding "or (1A)(b)" after "14(1)(b)";
- (e) in the definition of "subsector provisional register",

by adding "or (1A)(a)" after "14(1)(a)";

(f) by adding -

"District Council election year" (區議會選舉年)  
means a year in which an ordinary election  
within the meaning of section 2 of the  
District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547) is to  
be held;".

**3. Entries in a functional constituencies  
register or subsector register to  
be in Chinese or English**

Section 6 is amended -

(a) in subsection (1) -

(i) in paragraph (a), by repealing everything  
after "person's" and substituting "principal  
residential address on the application for  
registration as an elector or voter or on the  
specified form for the appointment as an  
authorized representative, as the case may  
be, is in Chinese; or";

(ii) by repealing paragraph (b) and  
substituting -

"(b) in English, if the person's  
principal residential address on  
the relevant application or  
specified form referred to in  
paragraph (a) is in English.";

(b) in subsection (2), by repealing "was" wherever it occurs  
and substituting "is".



**4. Entries in an Election Committee register to be in Chinese or English**

Section 7 is amended -

(a) in paragraph (a) -

- (i) in subparagraph (i), by repealing everything after "member's" and substituting "principal residential address on the application to be registered as an elector for a functional constituency is in Chinese;"
- (ii) in subparagraph (ii), by repealing everything after "member's" and substituting "principal residential address on the application to be registered as a voter for a subsector is in Chinese; or"
- (iii) in subparagraph (iii), by repealing everything after "member's" and substituting "principal residential address on the application to be registered for a geographical constituency is in Chinese; or"

(b) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting -

- "(b) in English, if the member's principal residential address on the relevant application referred to in paragraph (a) is in English."

**5. Interpretation of Part IV**

Section 11(1) is amended -

- (a) in the definition of "due date", by repealing everything after "notification," and substituting -

"means -

- (a) if the first 16 July that follows the sending of the notification falls in a District Council election year, that 16 July; or
  - (b) in any other case, the first 16 May that follows the sending of the notification;"
- (b) in the definition of "existing geographical constituencies final register", by adding "or (1A)(b)(i)" after "32(1)(b)(i)".

**6. Electoral Registration Officer may send notifications**

Section 12(2) is amended by repealing everything after "sent," and substituting -

"by post -

- (a) in the case of a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register being compiled for a District Council election year, at least 14 days before 16 July in that year; or
- (b) in the case of a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register being compiled for a year which is not a District Council election year, at least 14 days before 16 May in that year."

**7. Electoral Registration Officer may send**

**notifications to natural persons  
eligible to be registered as  
voters for subsectors**

Section 15(2)(a)(i) is amended by adding "or" after the semicolon.

**8. Electoral Registration Officer to register  
persons in the functional constituencies  
provisional register or subsector  
provisional register in  
accordance with  
response to a  
notification**

Section 16 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (4)(b), by repealing ", she or it" and substituting "or she";
- (b) in subsection (5)(c), by repealing ", she or it" and substituting "or she";
- (c) in subsection (6), by repealing ", she or it" and substituting "or she".

**9. When Electoral Registration Officer  
cannot register persons under  
a notification**

Section 18(1) is amended by repealing everything after "Officer is" and substituting -

"satisfied -

- (a) in the case of a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register being compiled for a District Council election year, not later than 16 July in that year;  
or
- (b) in the case of a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register being compiled for a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than

16 May in that year,  
that a notification sent to a person has not reached that person,  
the Electoral Registration Officer must not register that person  
under this Part on the basis that he or she has elected to be  
registered (within the meaning of section 11(3)).".

**10. How to apply for registration in  
functional constituencies  
provisional register and  
subsector provisional  
register**

Section 19 is amended -

(a) in subsection (1)(a), by repealing everything after the  
dash and substituting -

"(i) if the relevant provisional register is being  
compiled for a District Council election year,  
not later than 16 July in that year; or

(ii) if the relevant provisional register is being  
compiled for a year which is not a District  
Council election year, not later than 16 May  
in that year;"

(b) in subsection (4), by repealing everything after "a  
functional constituency" and substituting -

"or as a voter for a subsector -

(a) after 16 March 2002 but not later  
than 16 July 2003 must be treated  
by that Officer as an application  
received on or before 16 July 2003  
for registration in the functional  
constituencies provisional  
register or the subsector  
provisional register, as the case

may be, for 2003;

(b) after 16 July in any year subsequent to 2002, if that subsequent year is a District Council election year, must be treated by that Officer as an application received on or before 16 May in the year following that subsequent year for registration in the functional constituencies provisional register or the subsector provisional register, as the case may be, to be compiled for that following year; or

(c) after 16 May in any year subsequent to 2002, if that subsequent year is not a District Council election year, must be treated by that Officer as an application received -

(i) on or before 16 July in the year following that subsequent year, if that following year is a District Council election year, for registration in the functional constituencies provisional register or

the subsector  
provisional register, as  
the case may be, to be  
compiled for that  
following year; or  
(ii) on or before 16 May in the  
year following that  
subsequent year, if that  
following year is not a  
District Council  
election year, for  
registration in the  
functional  
constituencies  
provisional register or  
the subsector  
provisional register, as  
the case may be, to be  
compiled for that  
following year.";

(c) by repealing subsection (6).

**11. A corporate elector or corporate voter  
to appoint an authorized  
representative**

Section 20(2) is amended -

- (a) by repealing "appointment," and substituting  
"appointment and the personal particulars of the  
authorized representative";
- (b) by repealing paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting -  
"(a) in the case of a form for registration in a

functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register being compiled for a District Council election year, not later than 16 July in that year; or

- (b) in the case of a form for registration in a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register being compiled for a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than 16 May in that year."

**12. Electoral Registration Officer to determine whether or not applicant is eligible for registration and may ask for additional information**

Section 21(12)(b) is amended by repealing everything after "(2)," and substituting -

"means -

- (i) if the first 25 July that follows the making of the requirement falls in a District Council election year, a period ending not later than that 25 July; or
- (ii) in any other case, a period ending not later than the first 25 May that follows the making of the requirement, specified by the Electoral Registration Officer."

**13. Electoral Registration Officer may make inquiries regarding persons registered in the existing functional constituencies or subsector final register**

Section 22(5) is amended by repealing everything after "an existing" and substituting -

"final register -

- (a) in relation to the compilation of a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register for a District Council election year, only on or before 30 June in that year; or
- (b) in relation to the compilation of a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register for a year which is not a District Council election year, only on or before 30 April in that year."

**14. Electoral Registration Officer to prepare an omissions list**

Section 24 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1)(i), by repealing "relevant date specified in subsection (6)" and substituting "date referred to in section 22(5)(a) or (b), as the case may be";
- (b) in subsection (3), by repealing "relevant date specified in subsection (6)" and substituting "date referred to in section 22(5)(a) or (b), as the case may be,";
- (c) by repealing subsection (6);
- (d) by repealing subsection (7)(a) and (b) and substituting -

"(a) a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register for a District Council election year, 16 July



in that year; or

- (b) a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register for a year which is not a District Council election year, 16 May in that year."

**15. Electoral Registration Officer to publish a notice that omissions list is available for public inspection**

Section 25 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (2), by repealing everything after the dash and substituting -

- "(a) in the case of an omissions list prepared in compiling a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register for -

- (i) a District Council election year, the period beginning on the date the notice under subsection (1)(a) is published and ending on 29 August in the same year; or

- (ii) a year which is not a District Council election year, the period beginning on the date the notice under subsection (1)(a) is published and ending on 29 June in the same year; or

- (b) in the case of an Election Committee omissions list, the period beginning on the date the notice under subsection (1)(a) is

published and ending on the seventh day after that date.";

(b) by adding -

"(3) The relevant period referred to in subsection (2) is the period prescribed for the purposes of section 32(6) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542) and sections 4(6) and 14(6) of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569).".

**16. Electoral Registration Officer to correct entries in existing final register in compiling next provisional register**

Section 26(5) is amended -

(a) by repealing everything after "compilation of -" and before paragraph (e) and substituting -

"(a) the functional constituencies provisional register or the subsector provisional register for 2003, after 29 April 2002 but not later than 16 July 2003;

(b) any subsequent functional constituencies provisional register or any subsequent subsector provisional register for -

(i) a District Council election year, after 29 June in the preceding year but not later than 16 July in the current year; or

(ii) a year which is not a District Council election year -

(A) after 29 August in the preceding year, if that

preceding year is a District Council election year, but not later than 16 May in the current year; or

(B) after 29 June in the preceding year, if that preceding year is not a District Council election year, but not later than 16 May in the current year; or";

(b) in paragraph (e) -

(i) by repealing subparagraph (i);

(ii) in subparagraph (ii) -

(A) by repealing everything before sub-subparagraph (A) and substituting -

"an Election Committee provisional register ("the first-mentioned Election Committee provisional register") -";

(B) in sub-subparagraph (A) -

(I) by repealing "that subsequent Election Committee provisional register;" and substituting "the first-mentioned Election Committee provisional register; or";

(II) by renumbering it as subparagraph (i);

(C) in sub-subparagraph (B) -

- (I) by repealing "that subsequent" and substituting "the first-mentioned";
- (II) by renumbering it as subparagraph (ii).

**17. What is to be contained in a functional constituencies provisional register**

Section 27(c) is amended -

- (a) in subparagraph (i), by repealing everything after "registered under" and substituting -

"Part IV -

- (A) in the case of the functional constituencies provisional register for 2003, during the period beginning on 17 March 2002 and ending on 16 July 2003; or

- (B) in the case of any subsequent functional constituencies provisional register to be compiled for -

- (I) a District Council election year, during the period beginning on 17 May in the preceding year and ending on 16 July in the current year; or
- (II) a year which is not a District Council election year -
  - (aa) during the period beginning on 17 July in the preceding year, if that preceding year

is a District Council  
election year, and ending on  
16 May in the current year;  
or

(bb) during the period beginning  
on 17 May in the preceding  
year, if that preceding year  
is not a District Council  
election year, and ending on  
16 May in the current year;  
and";

(b) in subparagraph (ii), by repealing everything after  
"received by that" and substituting -

"Officer -

(A) in the case of the functional constituencies  
provisional register for 2003, during the  
period beginning on 17 March 2002 and ending  
on 16 July 2003; or

(B) in the case of any subsequent functional  
constituencies provisional register to be  
compiled for -

(I) a District Council election year,  
during the period beginning on 17  
May in the preceding year and  
ending on 16 July in the current  
year; or

(II) a year which is not a District  
Council election year -

(aa) during the period beginning  
on 17 July in the preceding

year, if that preceding year is a District Council election year, and ending on 16 May in the current year; or

(bb) during the period beginning on 17 May in the preceding year, if that preceding year is not a District Council election year, and ending on 16 May in the current year; and".

**18. What is to be contained in a subsector provisional register**

Section 28 is amended -

(a) in subsection (1)(a) -

(i) by repealing subparagraph (i)(A) and (B) and substituting -

"(A) in the case of the subsector provisional register for 2003, during the period beginning on 17 March 2002 and ending on 16 July 2003; or

(B) in the case of any subsequent subsector provisional register to be compiled for -

(I) a District Council election year, during the period beginning on

17 May in the preceding year and ending on 16 July in the current year; or

(II) a year which is not a District Council election year -

(aa) during the period beginning on 17 July in the preceding year, if that preceding year is a District Council election year, and ending on 16 May in the current year; or

(bb) during the period beginning on 17 May in the preceding year, if that preceding year is not a District Council election year, and ending on 16 May in the current year; and";

(ii) by repealing subparagraph (ii)(A), (B) and

(C) and substituting -

"(A) in the case of the subsector provisional register for 2003, during the period beginning on 17 March 2002 and ending on 16 July 2003; or

(B) in the case of any subsequent subsector provisional register to be compiled for -

(I) a District Council election year, during the period beginning on 17 May in the preceding year and ending on 16 July in the current year; or

(II) a year which is not a District Council election year -

(aa) during the period beginning on 17 July in the preceding year, if that preceding year is a District Council election year, and ending on 16 May in the current year; or

(bb) during the period



beginning on 17  
May in the  
preceding year,  
if that preceding  
year is not a  
District Council  
election year,  
and ending on  
16 May in the  
current year;  
and";

- (b) in subsection (2), by repealing "Subject to subsection (2A), the" and substituting "The";
- (c) by repealing subsection (2A).

**19. Electoral Registration Officer to publish a notice that provisional register is available for public inspection**

Section 29 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1) -
  - (i) by repealing everything before paragraph (d) and substituting -
    - "(1) The Electoral Registration Officer must publish -
      - (a) every year -
        - (i) in the case of a functional constituencies provisional register or a

subsector  
provisional  
register  
compiled for a  
District  
Council  
election year,  
not later than  
15 August; or  
(ii) in the case of a  
functional  
constituencies  
provisional  
register or a  
subsector  
provisional  
register  
compiled for a  
year which is  
not a District  
Council  
election year,  
not later than  
15 June; or";

(ii) by repealing "publish in" and substituting  
"in";

(b) in subsection (3) -

(i) by adding before paragraph (ab) -

"(a) in the case of a functional  
constituencies provisional

register or a subsector  
provisional register compiled  
for -

(i) a District Council  
election year, during  
the period beginning on  
the date the notice  
under subsection (1) is  
published and ending on  
29 August in the same  
year; or

(ii) a year which is not a  
District Council  
election year, during  
the period beginning on  
the date the notice  
under subsection (1) is  
published and ending on  
29 June in the same year;  
or";

(ii) in paragraph (ab) -

(A) by repealing "the subsector provisional  
register to be compiled for the year  
2001 or";

(B) by repealing "; and" and substituting  
a comma;

(iii) by repealing paragraph (b);

(c) by adding -

"(5A) Publication of a notice under  
subsection (1), relating to a functional

constituencies provisional register, is to be treated as the publication of the functional constituencies provisional register for the purposes of section 32(1)(a)(ii) or (1A)(a)(ii), as the case may be, of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542).";

- (d) in subsection (6), by repealing "14(1)" and substituting "14(1)(a) or (1A)(a), as the case may be,".

**20. Person may object to registration of registered person in the register**

Section 30(2)(c) is amended by repealing everything after the dash and substituting -

- "(i) if the objection relates to a person registered in a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register compiled for -
  - (A) a District Council election year, not later than 29 August in that year; or
  - (B) a year which is not a District Council election year, not later than 29 June in that year; or
- (ii) if the objection relates to a person registered in an Election Committee provisional register, not later than the seventh day after the date of publication of the relevant Election Committee provisional register."

**21. Who may lodge a notice of claim**

Section 31 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (8), by repealing everything after "Officer -" and substituting -

- "(a) if the claim relates to a functional constituencies register or a subsector register compiled, or an omissions list prepared in compiling a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register, for -

- (i) a District Council election year, not later than 29 August in that year; or
    - (ii) a year which is not a District

Council election year, not later than 29 June in that year; or

- (b) if the claim relates to an Election Committee register or an Election Committee omissions list, not later than the seventh day after the date of publication of the relevant Election Committee provisional register.";
- (b) in subsection (9), by repealing "(8)(ab)(i) or (b)" and substituting "(8)(a)(i) or (ii)";
- (c) in subsection (10), by repealing "(5)(c) and (d)" and substituting "(5)(a) and (b)".

**22. Electoral Registration Officer to deliver copies of notices of objection, notices of claim and notices of appeal to Revising Officer**

Section 32 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (2) -

- (i) by repealing paragraph (ab) and substituting -

"(ab) in the case of a notice received in respect of a functional constituencies register or a subsector register compiled, or an omissions list prepared in compiling a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register, for -

- (i) a District Council election year, not

later than 2 September  
in that year; or

(ii) a year which is not a  
District Council  
election year, not  
later than 2 July in  
that year; or";

(ii) in paragraph (ac) -

(A) by repealing "the Election" where it  
twice occurs and substituting "an  
Election";

(B) by repealing "; and" and substituting  
a full stop;

(iii) by repealing paragraph (b);

(b) in subsection (3) -

(i) in paragraph (a), by repealing "and" and  
substituting "or";

(ii) in paragraph (b), by repealing everything  
after "referred to in" and substituting -

"section 31A(2)(d) -

(i) if the first 2 September that  
follows the second day after  
the day on which the notice  
is so received falls in a  
District Council election  
year, not later than that 2  
September; or

(ii) in any other case, not later  
than the first 2 July that  
follows the second day after

the day on which the notice  
is so received."

**23. Electoral Registration Officer to  
correct entries in provisional  
register in compiling final  
register**

Section 33 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (2)(a), by repealing "(4)(a)" and substituting "(10)(a)";
- (b) in subsection (3), by repealing "(4)(b)" and substituting "(10)(b)";
- (c) by repealing subsection (4);
- (d) in subsection (6), by repealing "(4)(a)" and substituting "(10)(a)";
- (e) by repealing subsection (7)(a) and substituting -
  - "(a) in relation to the compilation of a functional constituencies provisional register or a subsector provisional register -
    - (i) on or before 16 July in the year following the year in which the request was made in relation to the existing final register for that following year, if that following year is a District Council election year; or
    - (ii) on or before 16 May in the year following the year in which the request was made in relation to the existing final register for that



following year, if that following year is not a District Council election year; or";

(f) in subsection (8), by repealing "(4)(a)" and substituting "(10)(a)";

(g) by adding -

"(10) For the purposes of -

(a) subsections (2), (6) and (8), the relevant period is, in relation to the compilation of -

(i) a functional constituencies final register or a subsector final register for -

(A) a District Council election year, after 16 July but not later than 29 August in that year; or

(B) a year which is not a District Council election year, after 16 May but not later than 29 June in that year; or

(ii) an Election Committee final register, after the relevant date within the meaning of section 4 of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569) in relation to the compilation

of the relevant Election Committee provisional register but not later than the seventh day after the date of publication of that provisional register; or

(b) subsection (3), the relevant date is, in relation to the compilation of a functional constituencies final register or a subsector final register for -

(i) a District Council election year, 29 August in that year; or

(ii) a year which is not a District Council election year, 29 June in that year."

**24. Electoral Registration Officer to correct entries in provisional register with approval of Revising Officer**

Section 34(2)(a) is amended -

(a) by adding before subparagraph (ia) -

"(i) in relation to a functional constituencies final register or a subsector final register being compiled for -

(A) a District Council election year, not later than 11 September in that year; or

(B) a year which is not a District Council

election year, not later than 11 July  
in that year; or";

(b) in subparagraph (ia) -

(i) by repealing "the subsector final register  
to be compiled for the year 2001 or";

(ii) by adding "Election Committee" after  
"relevant";

(c) by repealing subparagraph (ii).

**25. What is to be contained in a  
functional constituencies  
final register**

Section 35(5) is amended by repealing everything after "register"  
and substituting -

"to be compiled for -

(a) a District Council election year, only decisions  
made by the Revising Officer during the period  
beginning on 15 August and ending on 11 September  
in that year; or

(b) a year which is not a District Council election  
year, only decisions made by the Revising Officer  
during the period beginning on 15 June and ending  
on 11 July in that year,

are to be taken into account for the purposes of subsection (1)(b),  
(2), (3) or (4).".

**26. What is to be contained in a subsector final register**

Section 36(5) is amended by repealing everything after "final register" and substituting -

"to be compiled for -

- (a) a District Council election year, only decisions made by the Revising Officer during the period beginning on 15 August and ending on 11 September in that year; or
- (b) a year which is not a District Council election year, only decisions made by the Revising Officer during the period beginning on 15 June and ending on 11 July in that year,

are to be taken into account for the purposes of subsection (1)(b), (2), (3) or (4)."

**27. Electoral Registration Officer to publish notice of and make available for public inspection functional constituencies final register and subsector final register**

Section 38 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1), by repealing everything before "the Gazette" and substituting -

"(1) The Electoral Registration Officer must publish, every year -

- (a) in the case of a functional constituencies final register or a subsector final register compiled for a District Council election year, not later than 25 September; or
- (b) in the case of a functional

constituencies final register or  
a subsector final register  
compiled for a year which is not  
a District Council election year,  
not later than 25 July,

in";

- (b) in subsection (5), by repealing "32(1)(b)" and substituting "32(1)(b)(ii) or (1A)(b)(ii), as the case may be,";
- (c) in subsection (6), by repealing "14(1)" and substituting "14(1)(b) or (1A)(b), as the case may be,".

## **28. Offences and penalties**

Section 42 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (9)(c), by adding ", 20" after "sections 14";
- (b) in subsection (10)(c), by repealing "section 14" and substituting "sections 14 and 20";
- (c) by adding -

"(11) In this section, "election" (選舉) has the meaning assigned to it by section 41(5)."

Made this 27th day of December 2002.

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**Explanatory Note**

This Regulation amends the Electoral Affairs Commission (Registration) (Electors for Legislative Council Functional Constituencies) (Voters for Election Committee Subsectors) (Members of Election Committee) Regulation (Cap. 541 sub. leg.) -

(a) to revise the dates in relation to -

- (i) the sending of notifications to natural persons for them to elect to be registered, and the response thereto;
- (ii) the application for registration in a functional constituencies register or a subsector register;
- (iii) the giving of notices of appointment of authorized representatives;
- (iv) the requirement for particulars or proof relating to application for registration, and the response thereto;

- (v) the making of inquiries regarding persons registered, and the reply thereto;
- (vi) the correction of entries in functional constituencies registers, subsector registers and Election Committee registers;
- (vii) the publication and inspection of omissions lists and functional constituencies registers and subsector registers; and
- (viii) the lodging, and delivery of copies, of notices of objection, notices of claim and notices of appeal,

following the adjustment of the cycle for the compilation of electoral registers as effected by the Electoral Provisions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2002 (33 of 2002);

- (b) to provide that whether the name of a person is to be recorded in a functional constituencies register, a subsector register or an Election Committee register, as the case may be, in English or Chinese will depend on whether the person's principal residential address (instead of the person's signature) is written or printed in English or Chinese on the person's application; and
- (c) to make other consequential and related amendments.

**Dates regarding Voter Registration for GCs**

	<i>Existing Provision of the GC Principal Regulation</i>	<i>Existing Date(s)</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for 2003</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for Subsequent Years</i>
1 Deadline for applications for voter registration	4(1)(a), (2)(ba) & 2(c)	16 March	Applications received after 16 March 2002 but on or before 16 July 2003 must be included in 2003 PR	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)
2 Deadline for applicant to submit additional information	5(2)	25 March	No separate provision is required	(i) 25 July (DC election year) (ii) 25 May (non-DC election year)
3 Deadline for Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) to make inquiries on persons who may cease to be eligible to be registered as electors.	7(3)	28 February	- ditto -	(i) 30 June (DC election year) (ii) 30 April (non-DC election year)
4 Deadline for persons being inquired to submit information to ERO	9(1)(a)(i) & (4)(a)	16 March	- ditto -	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)
5 Deadline for ERO to receive information on the death of a person from the Registrar of Births and Deaths	9(1)(b)	16 March	- ditto -	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)



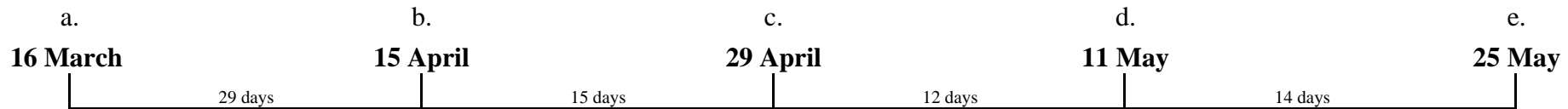
	<i>Existing Provision of the GC Principal Regulation</i>	<i>Existing Date(s)</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for 2003</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for Subsequent Years</i>
6 ERO may enter corrected particulars in compiling provisional register regarding information received during specified period	11(5)(ba) & (c)	After 29 April of preceding year to 16 March of current year	After 29 April 2002 to 16 July 2003	(i) after 29 June of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 July of current year (DC election year) (ii) after 29 August of preceding year (DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year) (iii) after 29 June of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year)
7 ERO may accept applications received during specified period for registration in a provisional register	12(c)	17 March of preceding year to 16 March of current year	17 March 2002 to 16 July 2003	(i) 17 May of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 July of current year (DC election year) (ii) 17 July of preceding year (DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year) (iii) 17 May of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year)
8 Deadline for publication of provisional register	13(1)	15 April	No separate provision is required	(i) 15 August (DC election year) (ii) 15 June (non-DC election year)

	<i>Existing Provision of the GC Principal Regulation</i>	<i>Existing Date(s)</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for 2003</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for Subsequent Years</i>
9 Deadline for inspection of provisional register/omissions list and lodging of objections and claims	10(2), 13(3), 14(2) & 15(7)	29 April	No separate provision is required	(i) 29 August (DC election year) (ii) 29 June (non-DC election year)
10 Deadline for ERO to deliver copies of notices of objections and claims to the Revising Officer	16(2)	2 May	- ditto -	(i) 2 September (DC election year) (ii) 2 July (non-DC election year)
11 ERO may enter corrected particulars in compiling final register regarding information received during specified period	17(4)	After 16 March to 29 April	- ditto -	(i) after 16 July to 29 August (DC election year) (ii) after 16 May to 29 June (non-DC election year)
12 Deadline for ERO to obtain approval from Revising Officer to correct, add or remove entries in provisional register when compiling final register	18(2)	11 May	- ditto -	(i) 11 September (DC election year) (ii) 11 July (non-DC election year)
13 Revising Officer's rulings on claims and objections to be reflected in compiling a final register	19(5)	After 15 April to 11 May	- ditto -	(i) 15 August to 11 September (DC election year) (ii) 15 June to 11 July (non-DC election year)
14 Deadline for publication of the final register	20(1)	25 May	- ditto -	(i) 25 September (DC election year) (ii) 25 July (non-DC election year)

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## Comparison of Important Dates Regarding Voter Registration for GCs

### Existing (i.e. 2002)



### Proposed for 2003 and subsequent years

#### (a) DC Election Year



#### (b) Non-DC election year



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| <p>a.</p> <p>➤ Deadline for voter registration and requests for change of electoral particulars to be reflected in the provisional register</p> | <p>b.</p> <p>➤ Deadline for publication of the provisional register</p> | <p>c.</p> <p>➤ Deadline for receiving requests for change of particulars in compiling the final register</p> <p>➤ Deadline for lodging claims and objections in respect of the provisional register</p> | <p>d.</p> <p>➤ Deadline for obtaining approval from Revising Officer to correct, add or remove entries in compiling the final register</p> <p>➤ Revising Officer's rulings up to this date to be reflected in the final register</p> | <p>e.</p> <p>➤ Deadline for publication of the final register</p> |
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**Dates regarding Voter Registration for FCs**

	<i>Existing Provision of the FC/EC Principal Regulation</i>	<i>Existing Date(s)</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for 2003</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for Subsequent Years</i>
1 "Due date" in relation to a notification	11(1)	16 March	No separate provision is required	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)
2 Deadline for ERO to send notifications	12(2)	14 days before 16 March	- ditto -	(i) 14 days before 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 14 days before 16 May (non-DC election year)
3 ERO cannot register a person if he is satisfied not later than a specified date that the notification has not reached that person	18(1)	16 March	- ditto -	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)
4 Deadline for applications for voter registration	19(1)(a)(i), (4) and (6)(c)	16 March	Applications received after 16 March 2002 but on or before 16 July 2003 must be included in 2003 PR	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)
5 Deadline for appointment of authorized representative	20(2)(b)	16 March	No separate provision is required	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)

	<i>Existing Provision of the FC/EC Principal Regulation</i>	<i>Existing Date(s)</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for 2003</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for Subsequent Years</i>
6 Deadline for applicant to submit additional information	21(12)(b)(ii)	25 March	No separate provision is required	(i) 25 July (DC election year) (ii) 25 May (non-DC election year)
7 Deadline for ERO to make inquiries on persons who may cease to be eligible to be registered as electors/voters	22(5) and 24(6)(b)	28 February	- ditto -	(i) 30 June (DC election year) (ii) 30 April (non-DC election year)
8 Deadline for persons being inquired to submit information to ERO	24(7)(b)	16 March	- ditto -	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)
9 Deadline for ERO to receive information on the death of a person from the Registrar of Births and Deaths	24(7)(b)	16 March	- ditto -	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)
10 Deadline for inspection of omissions list	25(2)(a)	29 April	- ditto -	(i) 29 August (DC election year) (ii) 29 June (non-DC election year)
11 ERO may enter corrected particulars in compiling provisional register regarding information received during specified period	26(5)(c) and (d)	After 29 April of preceding year to 16 March of current year	After 29 April 2002 to 16 July 2003	(i) after 29 June of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 July of current year (DC election year) (ii) after 29 August of preceding year (DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year) (iii) after 29 June of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year)

	<i>Existing Provision of the FC/EC Principal Regulation</i>	<i>Existing Date(s)</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for 2003</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for Subsequent Years</i>
12 ERO may include particulars of persons registered under a notification during specified period in compiling a provisional register	27(c)(i) and 28(1)(a)(i)	17 March of preceding year to 16 March of current year	17 March 2002 to 16 July 2003	(i) 17 May of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 July of current year (DC election year) (ii) 17 July of preceding year (DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year) (iii) 17 May of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year)
13 ERO may accept applications received during specified period for registration in a provisional register	27(c)(ii) and 28(1)(a)(ii)	17 March of preceding year to 16 March of current year	17 March 2002 to 16 July 2003	(i) 17 May of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 July of current year (DC election year) (ii) 17 July of preceding year (DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year) (iii) 17 May of preceding year (non-DC election year) to 16 May of current year (non-DC election year)
14 Deadline for publication of provisional register	29(1)(a) and (c)(ii)	15 April	No separate provision is required	(i) 15 August (DC election year) (ii) 15 June (non-DC election year)
15 Deadline for inspection of provisional register and lodging of objections and claims	29(3)(b), 30(2)(c)(ii) and 31(8)(b)	29 April	- ditto -	(i) 29 August (DC election year) (ii) 29 June (non-DC election year)

	<i>Existing Provision of the FC/EC Principal Regulation</i>	<i>Existing Date(s)</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for 2003</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for Subsequent Years</i>
16 Deadline for ERO to deliver copies of notices of objections and claims to the Revising Officer	32(2)(b)	2 May	No separate provision is required	(i) 2 September (DC election year) (ii) 2 July (non-DC election year)
17 Deadline for ERO to deliver copies of notices of appeal to Revising Officer in case the notice is received later than 11 days before the polling date	32(3)(b)	2 May that immediately follows the date of expiry of a period of 2 days after the day on which the notice is received by ERO	- ditto -	(i) the first 2 September (DC election year) that follows the second day after the day on which the notice is received by ERO (ii) the first 2 July (non-DC election year) that follows the second day after the day on which the notice is received by ERO
18 ERO may enter corrected particulars in compiling final register regarding information received during specified period	33(4)(a)(ii) and (iv)(B)	After 16 March to 29 April	- ditto -	(i) after 16 July to 29 August (DC election year) (ii) after 16 May to 29 June (non-DC election year)
	33(4)(b)(ii)	29 April	- ditto -	(i) 29 August (DC election year) (ii) 29 June (non-DC election year)
	33(7)(a)	16 March	- ditto -	(i) 16 July (DC election year) (ii) 16 May (non-DC election year)

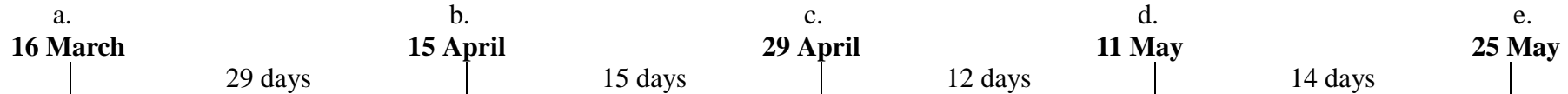
	<i>Existing Provision of the FC/EC Principal Regulation</i>	<i>Existing Date(s)</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for 2003</i>	<i>Proposed Date(s) for Subsequent Years</i>
19 Deadline for ERO to obtain approval from Revising Officer to correct, add or remove entries in provisional register when compiling final register	34(2)(a)(ii)	11 May	No separate provision is required	(i) 11 September (DC election year) (ii) 11 July (non-DC election year)
20 Revising Officer's rulings on claims and objections to be reflected in compiling a final register	35(5) and 36(5)(b)	After 15 April to 11 May	- ditto -	(i) 15 August to 11 September (DC election year) (ii) 15 June to 11 July (non-DC election year)
21 Deadline for publication of the final register	38(1)(b)	25 May	- ditto -	(i) 25 September (DC election year) (ii) 25 July (non-DC election year)

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**Comparison of Important Dates Regarding Voter Registration for FCs**

**Existing (i.e. 2002)**



**Proposed for 2003 and subsequent years**

**(a) DC election year**



**(b) Non-DC election year**



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