

For information

Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Amendments to the
Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374G)

PURPOSE

This paper sets out our proposed amendments to the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374G) to enhance road safety.

PROPOSAL

2. Regulation 14 of Cap. 374G empowers the Commissioner for Transport (C for T) to designate any area as a prohibited zone which prohibits the driving of any motor vehicle or any specified class or description of motor vehicle on any roads within the prohibited zone.

3. Nevertheless, there is currently no prescribed traffic sign in Cap. 374G that indicates a prohibition against the driving of vehicles carrying dangerous goods on roads generally¹. Therefore, while C for T may wish to designate a particular section of road² as a prohibition zone for vehicles carrying dangerous goods of categories 1, 2 and 5 as defined under Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295) for road safety reasons, there is no appropriate prescribed traffic sign to indicate the prohibition. It is therefore necessary to amend Cap. 374G by including the relevant signs.

¹ At present, traffic signs relating to the prohibition of motor vehicles carrying dangerous goods of categories 1, 2 and 5 are prescribed in the relevant Ordinances of the respective tunnels. These signs can only apply in respective tunnel areas.

² These road sections will include areas with enclosed environment similar to that of tunnels (e.g. underpasses).

WAY FORWARD

4. We are now preparing the relevant amendment regulations. We aim to table it at the Legislative Council for negative vetting in this legislative session.

ADVICE SOUGHT

5. Members are invited to note the proposed legislative amendments as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

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