

L.N. 16 of 2007**ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATION 2007**

(Made by the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works under sections 11 and 13 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 1 April 2007.

2. Closure of roads

(1) Regulation 27(3) of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G) is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (a), by repealing “or” at the end;
- (b) in paragraph (b), by repealing the full stop at the end and substituting “; or”;
- (c) by adding—
 - “(c) any category of taxis in respect of which an exemption is granted by the Commissioner under subregulation (3A).”.

(2) Regulation 27 is amended by adding—

“(3A) The Commissioner may—

- (a) grant an exemption to any category of taxis from any closure under subregulation (1)—
 - (i) for an indefinite period or a specified period;
 - (ii) on specified days, during specified hours in any day, or during specified hours in any specified days; and
 - (iii) on any other conditions as the Commissioner thinks fit;
- (b) revoke or suspend such exemption; and
- (c) revoke, vary or add to any condition referred to in paragraph (a).

(3B) The Commissioner shall give notice of any exemption, revocation, suspension, variation or addition under subregulation (3A) in the Gazette.”.

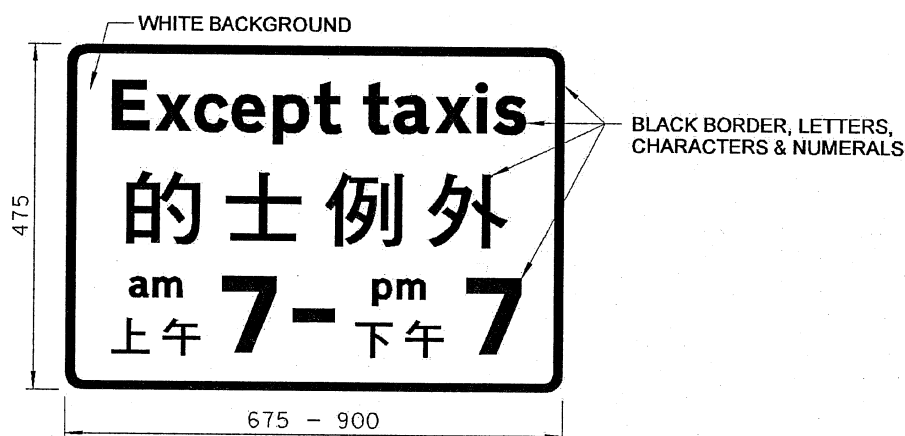
3. Traffic signs

(1) Schedule 1 is amended, in Figure No. 149, in the note, by repealing “PLATE IN FIGURE No. 405” and substituting “PLATES IN FIGURE Nos. 405 AND 433”.

(2) Schedule 1 is amended by adding—

“SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE

FIGURE No. 433



This plate may be used with the sign in Figure No. 149 to indicate the exception of taxis to the particular restriction indicated by that sign within the specified period of time. This plate may also be used without any reference to time on it to indicate a 24-hour exception to that restriction.

The word “taxis” and characters “的士” may be varied to “N T taxis” and “新界的士”, “Urban taxis” and “市區的士” and/or “Lantau taxis” and “大嶼山的士” respectively to accord with the specified category of taxi excepted.

The times on this plate may be varied to specify any period of time or times or in 24-hour time display without the words “am” and “上午” and/or “pm” and “下午”.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G) (“principal Regulations”).

2. Regulation 27(1) of the principal Regulations provides that the Commissioner for Transport may close a road or any part of it to all or any particular kind of traffic for such period as he may think necessary.

3. Regulation 27(3) of the principal Regulations provides that the closure of a road under regulation 27(1) of the principal Regulations shall not apply to—

- (a) a vehicle which is being driven for any fire services, ambulance, police or customs and excise service purpose if compliance with the closure is likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for that purpose; or
- (b) a vehicle in respect of which a closed road permit for the road is issued and is valid in accordance with the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. E).

4. This Regulation amends regulation 27 of the principal Regulations to empower the Commissioner for Transport to grant an exemption to any category of taxis from any closure under regulation 27(1) of the principal Regulations.

5. This Regulation amends Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations by adding a new traffic sign (Figure No. 433) which may be used with the traffic sign (Figure No. 149) to indicate the exception of the specified category of taxis to the particular restriction indicated by the traffic sign (Figure No. 149).