

**Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles)
(Amendment) Regulation 2008**

**Information Paper on
the Police's Enforcement Actions
Relating to Taxis**

INTRODUCTION

This paper provides information on the Police's enforcement actions relating to taxis.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

2. According to Regulation 40 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub.leg.D), no driver or person acting or purporting to act on behalf of the driver of a taxi, shall in any manner, such as offering a discount, attract or endeavour to attract any person in order to induce any person to make use of the vehicle. Upon conviction, offender is liable to a fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

3. From 2007 to September 2008, the Police has conducted a total of 1314 enforcement operations relating to the abovementioned Regulation, among which 225 cases were prosecuted. Among the total number of operations conducted, over 800 police officers were deployed to mount around 600 operations specifically on taxi discount gangs, including specific undercover operations based on the information on taxi discount gangs provided by the trade. In these operations, ten cases were detected for allegedly conducting discount activities, among which six cases were convicted.

4. As regards the enforcement actions against the use of mobile phones while the taxi vehicles are in motion, the Police has issued over 2,000 fixed penalty tickets from 2007 to September 2008.

5. Members are invited to note the above.

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