

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

**Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance
(Chapter 368)**

**Eastern Harbour Crossing Ordinance
(Chapter 215)**

**Tate's Cairn Tunnel Ordinance
(Chapter 393)**

**Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance
(Cap. 1)**

**Tsing Ma Control Area Ordinance
(Cap. 498)**

**TUNNEL-RELATED SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION
AMENDMENTS AND SPECIFICATION NOTICE**

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 12 May 2009, the Council **ADVISED** and the Chief Executive **ORDERED** that –

- (a) the Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) Regulation 2009, at Annex A, should be made under section 20 of the Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance;
- (b) the Eastern Harbour Crossing Road Tunnel (Amendment) Regulation 2009, at Annex B, should be made under section 43 of the Eastern Harbour Crossing Ordinance;
- (c) the Tate's Cairn Tunnel (Amendment) Regulation 2009, at Annex C, should be made under section 24 of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Ordinance; and
- (d) the Specification of Public Office Notice 2009, at Annex D, should be made under section 43 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance.

2. The Secretary for Transport and Housing (STH), in exercise of the power under section 27(2) of the Tsing Ma Control Area Ordinance, has also made the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2009 at Annex E.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATIONS

Standardisation of autotoll signage and marking

3. Currently, various tolled tunnels/bridge use different signage for autotoll lanes and booths. It is desirable to standardise such signage for all tunnels/bridge with autotoll facilities to assist motorists in getting into the right lanes before arriving at the appropriate toll booth. This can reduce vehicle conflicts and improve road safety at toll plaza. Such a standardisation programme has been launched by the Transport Department (TD). Amendments to the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations and the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation are required to adopt the new and standardised autotoll signage for tolled government tunnels covered under the Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance, namely Cross-Harbour Tunnel, Aberdeen Tunnel, Lion Rock Tunnel, Shing Mun Tunnels and Tseung Kwan O Tunnel, and the Tsing Ma Control Area (TMCA).

4. For the four Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) tunnels, namely Eastern Harbour Crossing (EHC), Western Harbour Crossing (WHC), Tate's Cairn Tunnel (TCT) and Route 3, amendments to their respective by-laws will also be required to adopt the standardised autotoll signage. STH will introduce such amendments into the Legislative Council for approval upon coming into effect of the Eastern Harbour Crossing Road Tunnel (Amendment) Regulation 2009 and the Tate's Cairn Tunnel (Amendment) Regulation 2009 (please refer to paragraph 8 below for further details).

5. Standardised signage has already been adopted for the Tsing Sha Control Area (TSCA) commissioned in March 2008 under the Tsing Sha Control Area (General) Regulation.

Motor tricycles to use Government tunnels

6. There is currently an inconsistency between regulation 10(a) and item 1 of the Table of Tolls (for the Cross-Harbour Tunnel) under the Second Schedule to the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations. While regulation 10(a) prohibits motor tricycles in government tunnels, a toll for motor tricycles has been specified for the Cross-Harbour Tunnel under the Second Schedule.

7. Having reviewed the relevant policy, the Commissioner for Transport (the Commissioner) considers that motor tricycles registered and licensed in compliance with the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations should be allowed on roads, including tunnels. As such, amendments to the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations are required to remove the prohibition and provide for a removal fee for motor tricycles.

Enabling tunnel companies to regulate traffic by using light signal

8. In the process of drafting legislative amendments to the by-laws of BOT tunnels to adopt the standardised autotoll signage, which will be introduced at a later stage, the franchisees of EHC and TCT proposed to take the opportunity to make other amendments to their respective by-laws to facilitate the smooth operation of these tunnels. One such amendment is to enable the franchisees to regulate traffic by using light signals. This would require amendments to the relevant provisions under the Eastern Harbour Crossing Road Tunnel Regulations and the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Regulations.

Delegation of powers/duties

9. Currently, the powers and duties of the Commissioner and the Director of Highways (the Director) under the Tsing Sha Control Area Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation have to be exercised personally. The Commissioner considers it desirable for him to delegate to other public officers in TD the relevant powers, including written appointment of authorised officers of TD or staff of the tunnel contractor to carry out management and traffic control duties in the TSCA. The Director also considers it desirable for him to delegate the relevant powers, including issuance of road works permits, imposition and collection of lighting and guarding fees, and the powers and duties related to closure and re-opening of roads to other public officers in the Highways Department for carrying out maintenance duties in the TSCA.

10. As there is no general delegation provision in the Tsing Sha Control Area Ordinance, a specification by the Chief Executive in Council under section 43 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance needs to be made to enable the Commissioner and the Director to delegate their respective powers and duties to other public officers.¹

Medium and heavy vehicles to use the nearside and middle lanes of Cheung Tsing Tunnel (CTT)

11. Under the current section 15(b) of the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation, buses and medium/heavy goods vehicles (i.e. goods vehicles of a permitted gross vehicle weight exceeding 5.5 tonnes) can only use the nearside lane of CTT. The traffic volume of these vehicles has increased significantly since the opening of the Ting Kau Bridge in May 1998. At present, about 86,000 vehicles use CTT per day, and over 30% of them are buses, medium/heavy goods vehicles. It is considered necessary to allow medium/heavy goods vehicles to also use the middle lane of CTT to relieve the traffic congestion in the nearside lane.

THE REGULATIONS AND NOTICE

12. The main provisions are -

Amendments to the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulation

- (a) the definition of “autotoll booth” under regulation 2(1) is amended to mean a toll booth designated as an autotoll booth under regulation 12A(2);
- (b) “motor tricycle” is deleted from the general prohibitions under regulation (10)(a) to allow them to use Government road tunnels, and Schedule 2 is amended to specify a removal fee for motor tricycles;

¹ At present, the Commissioner and the Director have been specified as public officers under section 43 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance to exercise the power of delegation for various tunnels, including government tunnels, EHC and TCT. For WHC, Route 3 and TMCA, a general delegation provision has been provided for in the relevant legislation.

- (c) regulation 12A(2) is amended to introduce an autotoll signage at the side of a toll booth, which is prescribed as Figure No. 14A in Schedule 1, as an alternative signage by which the Commissioner may designate that booth as an autotoll booth. The current autotoll signage above a traffic lane, i.e. Figure No. 14 in Schedule 1, is also replaced with the standardised signage;

Amendments to the Eastern Harbour Crossing Road Tunnel Regulation

- (d) the term “light signal” is defined in regulation 2 to mean an illuminated signal to control vehicular traffic or pedestrians;
- (e) light signals is added to regulations 3 and 4 to enable the tunnel company to erect and place light signals in the road tunnel area and to make by-laws to regulate traffic by light signals;

Amendments to the Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Regulation

- (f) regulation 4 is amended to enable the tunnel company to erect and place light signals in the tunnel area and to make by-laws to regulate traffic by light signals. Amendments are also made to bring the regulation in line with the same provisions for other BOT tunnels;

Specification of Public Office Notice 2009

- (g) a legal notice is made to specify the Commissioner and the Director as public offices under the Schedule to Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance so that they can delegate their respective powers and duties in relation to TSCA to other public officers;

Amendments to the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation

- (h) the term “agent”, in relation to the collection of tolls, is defined to mean an agent appointed by the Commissioner or an operator to carry out administrative works relating to automatic toll collection; the term “middle lane” is defined to mean any lane between the nearside and the right most lanes; the terms “bus”, “heavy goods vehicle” and “medium goods vehicle” are defined to have the same meanings as in the Road Traffic Ordinance;

- (i) the restriction on the use of lanes in CTT by a goods vehicle of a permitted gross vehicle weight exceeding 5.5 tonnes under section 15 is relaxed so that such a vehicle can use any lanes except the right most lane;
- (j) section 20(2) is amended to introduce an autotoll signage at the side of a toll booth, which is prescribed as Figure No. 10A in Schedule 1, as an alternative signage by which the Commissioner may designate that booth as an autotoll booth. The current autotoll signage above a traffic lane, i.e. Figure No. 10 in Schedule 1, is also replaced with the standardised signage; and
- (k) traffic signs to remind medium/heavy goods vehicles to keep to the nearside or middle lane and buses to keep to the nearside lane in CTT are prescribed in Schedule 1.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

13. The legislative timetable is as follows -

Publication in the Gazette	15 May 2009
Tabling at the Legislative Council	20 May 2009

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

14. The proposal is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. It will not affect the current binding effect of the regulations, and has no financial, civil service, economic, productivity, environmental, or sustainability implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

15. The tunnel companies concerned have been consulted and they support the proposal.

PUBLICITY

16. A spokesman will be available to answer media enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

17. For enquiries about this brief, please contact Miss Rosanna Law, Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport), at 2189 2182.

Transport and Housing Bureau
May 2009

**ROAD TUNNELS (GOVERNMENT) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATION 2009**

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ROAD TUNNELS (GOVERNMENT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2009

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 20 of the Road
Tunnels (Government) Ordinance (Cap. 368))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 10 July 2009.

2. Interpretation

(1) Regulation 2(1) of the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A) is amended, in the definition of “autotoll booth”, by repealing “equipped with an automatic toll collection facility approved by the Authority under regulation 12A” and substituting “designated as an autotoll booth under regulation 12A(2)”.

(2) Regulation 2(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Second Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 2”.

(3) Regulation 2(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Second Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 2”.

3. Prescribed signs and road markings

(1) Regulation 3(1)(a) is amended by repealing “and 14” and substituting “, 14 and 14A”.

(2) Regulation 3(1)(a) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

(3) Regulation 3(1A) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

(4) Regulation 3(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

(5) Regulation 3(4) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

(6) Regulation 3(5) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

(7) Regulation 3(6)(a) is amended by adding “, 14A” after “14”.

(8) Regulation 3(6)(a) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

4. General prohibitions

Regulation 10(a) is amended by repealing “motor tricycle,”.

5. Tolls

Regulation 12(1) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Second Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 2”.

6. Automatic toll collection facilities

(1) Regulation 12A(2) is repealed and the following substituted –

“(2) The Authority, or an operator with the approval of the Authority, may designate a toll booth at which an automatic toll collection facility is installed under subsection (1) as an autotoll booth –

(a) by displaying above a traffic lane that leads to the toll booth a traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 14 prescribed in Schedule 1; or

(b) by displaying at the side of the toll booth a traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 14A prescribed in Schedule 1.”.

(2) Regulation 12A(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

(3) Regulation 12A(3) is amended, in the Chinese text, by repealing “所示的類型” and substituting “所示類型”.

7. Fee for removal of vehicles etc. causing obstruction

Regulation 13 is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Second Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 2”.

8. Vehicles requiring permits

Regulation 14(5) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the Second Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 2”.

9. Offences and penalties

(1) Regulation 18(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

(2) Regulation 18(3) is amended by adding “, 14A” after “14”.

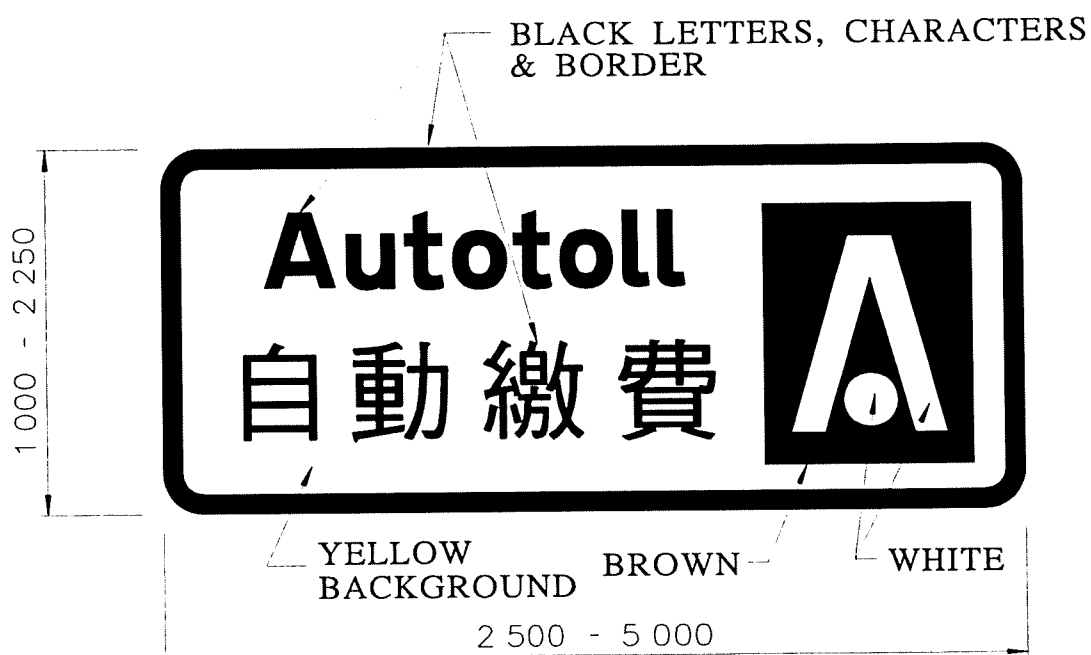
(3) Regulation 18(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “the First Schedule” and substituting “Schedule 1”.

10. Signs

(1) The First Schedule is amended, in the English text, by repealing “FIRST SCHEDULE” and substituting “SCHEDULE 1”.

(2) Schedule 1 is amended by repealing Figure No. 14 and substituting –

“FIGURE NO. 14

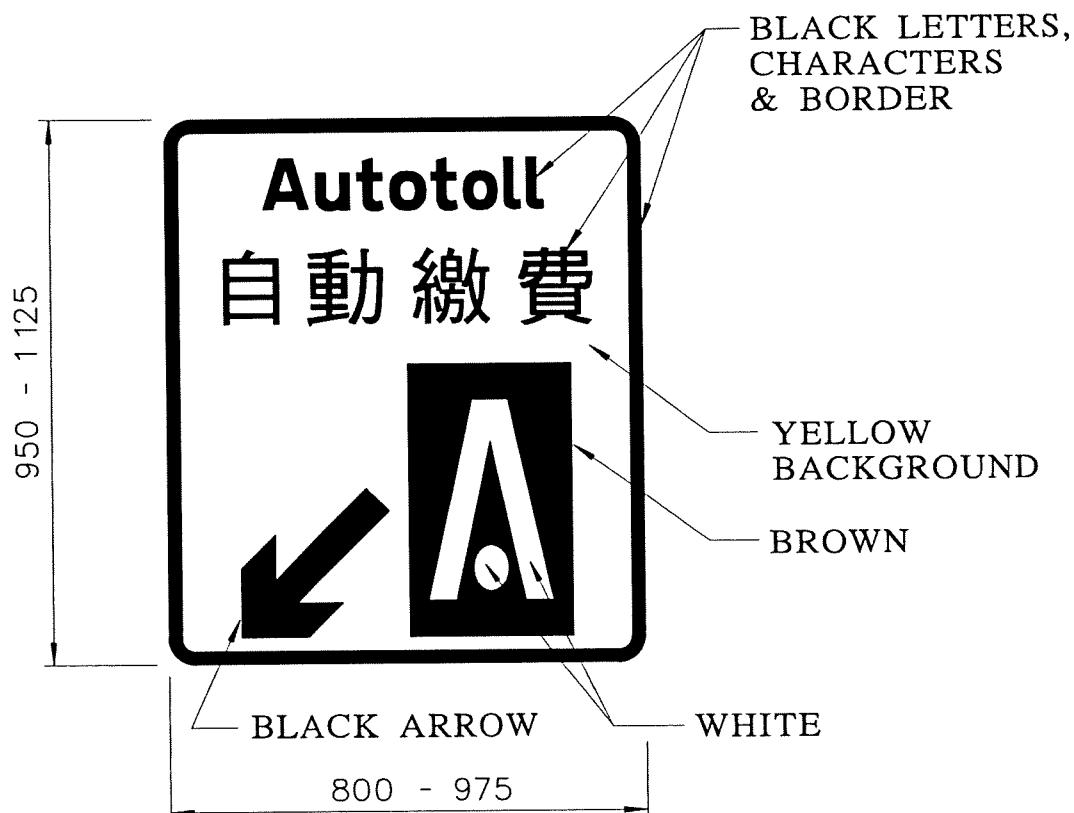


TRAFFIC LANE
(AUTOTOLL ONLY)

THIS SIGN IS DISPLAYED ABOVE A TRAFFIC LANE THAT LEADS TO AN AUTOTOLL BOOTH. IT INDICATES THAT ONLY A VEHICLE WITH A VALID ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS THE ACCOUNT OF WHICH IS OPENED IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE MAY PROCEED IN THE TRAFFIC LANE.”.

- (3) Schedule 1 is amended by adding –

“FIGURE NO. 14A



AUTOTOLL BOOTH

WHEN THIS SIGN IS DISPLAYED AT THE SIDE OF A TOLL BOOTH IT INDICATES THAT THE TOLL BOOTH IS AN AUTOTOLL BOOTH. IT MAY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SIGN IN FIGURE NO. 14 AND IT INDICATES THAT ONLY A VEHICLE WITH A VALID ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS THE ACCOUNT OF WHICH IS OPENED IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE MAY PASS THROUGH THE AUTOTOLL BOOTH.”.

11. Tolls and Fees

- (1) The Second Schedule is amended, in the English text, by repealing “SECOND SCHEDULE” and substituting “SCHEDULE 2”.

(2) Schedule 2 is amended, in item 1 of the table of Removal Fee, by repealing “and motor cycles” and substituting “, motor cycles and motor tricycles”.

12. Transitional provision

During the period of 12 months after the commencement of this Regulation, a traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 14 prescribed in the First Schedule to the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A) (“principal Regulations”) as in force immediately before the commencement of this Regulation and erected at any time before that commencement is to be treated as a traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 14 prescribed in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations as amended by this Regulation.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2009

Explanatory Note

The purposes of this Regulation are to amend the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A) to –

- (a) allow motor tricycles to use Government road tunnels; and
- (b) adopt new and standardized autotoll booth signs in Government road tunnels as part of the standardization programme launched by the Transport Department to

standardize the signs for autotoll booths at various tolled tunnels and bridges in Hong Kong.

**EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING ROAD TUNNEL
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2009**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 43 of the Eastern Harbour Crossing Ordinance (Cap. 215))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 10 July 2009.

2. Interpretation

Regulation 2 of the Eastern Harbour Crossing Road Tunnel Regulations (Cap. 215 sub. leg. D) is amended by adding –

““light signal” (交通燈) means an illuminated signal to control vehicular traffic or pedestrians;”.

3. Road Company’s obligations

Regulation 3(1)(a) is amended by adding “and light signals” after “signs”.

4. Traffic signs and road markings

(1) Regulation 4 is amended, in the heading, by adding “, **light signals**” after “**signs**”.

(2) Regulation 4(1) is repealed and the following substituted –

“(1) In order to comply with regulation 3(1)(a), the Road Company may cause or permit to be erected or placed in the road tunnel area –

(a) any traffic sign, light signal or road marking of the size, colour and type prescribed by by-laws made under the Ordinance;

(b) any warning, informatory or supplementary plate traffic sign or road marking of the size, colour and type

shown in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G);

- (c) with the approval of the Commissioner, any regulatory traffic sign, light signal or road marking of the size, colour and type shown in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 to the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G); and
- (d) any traffic sign, light signal or road marking that it may think appropriate for the giving of advice and information to persons using the road tunnel.”.

(3) Regulation 4(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing “by the erection or placing of an appropriate sign” and substituting “, by the erection or placing of an appropriate sign,”.

(4) Regulation 4(2) is amended by adding “, light signal” after “traffic sign”.

(5) Regulation 4(3) is amended by adding “, light signal” after “sign”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2009

Explanatory Note

In order to comply with the obligations under regulation 3(1)(a) of the Eastern Harbour Crossing Road Tunnel Regulations (Cap. 215 sub. leg. D) (the “principal Regulations”), the New Hong Kong Tunnel Company Limited or its assignee (collectively the “Road Company”) has the power to erect and place traffic signs or road markings in the road tunnel area under regulation 4 of the principal Regulations.

2. The purpose of this Regulation is to empower the Road Company also to erect and place light signals in the road tunnel area under regulation 4 of the principal Regulations as amended by this Regulation.

TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2009

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 24 of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Ordinance (Cap. 393))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 10 July 2009.

2. Traffic signs and road markings

(1) Regulation 4 of the Tate's Cairn Tunnel Regulations (Cap. 393 sub. leg. A) is amended, in the heading, by adding “, **light signals**” after “**signs**”.

(2) Regulation 4(1) is repealed and the following substituted –

“(1) In order to comply with regulation 3(1)(a), the Company may cause or permit to be erected or placed in the tunnel area –

- (a) any traffic sign, light signal or road marking of the size, colour and type prescribed by by-laws made under the Ordinance;
- (b) any warning, informatory or supplementary plate traffic sign or road marking of the size, colour and type shown in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G);
- (c) with the approval of the Commissioner, any regulatory traffic sign, light signal or road marking of the size, colour and type shown in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 to the Road

Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G); and

- (d) any traffic sign, light signal or road marking that it may think appropriate for the giving of advice and information to persons using the tunnel.”.

(3) Regulation 4(2) is amended by repealing “use of an appropriate sign” and substituting “erection or placing of an appropriate sign,”.

(4) Regulation 4(2) is amended by adding “, light signal” after “traffic sign”.

(5) Regulation 4(2) is amended by adding “, (b) or (d)” after “(a)”.

(6) Regulation 4(3) is amended by repealing “road marking or light signal” and substituting “light signal or road marking”.

(7) Regulation 4(3) is amended by adding “under subregulation (1)(b) or (d)” after “area”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2009

Explanatory Note

In order to comply with the obligations under regulation 3(1)(a) of the Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Regulations (Cap. 393 sub. leg. A) (the “principal Regulations”), the Tate’s Cairn Tunnel Company Limited or its assignee

(collectively the “Company”) has certain powers to erect and place traffic signs, light signals or road markings in the tunnel area under regulation 4 of the principal Regulations.

2. The purpose of this Regulation is to expand the powers of the Company under regulation 4 of the principal Regulations as amended by this Regulation.

SPECIFICATION OF PUBLIC OFFICE NOTICE 2009

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 43 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on 10 July 2009.

2. Specification of public office

Each public office mentioned in column 1 of the Schedule is specified for the purposes of the Ordinances mentioned opposite that office in column 2 of the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

[s. 2]

Public Office	Ordinance for which specified
Commissioner for Transport	Tsing Sha Control Area Ordinance (Cap. 594).
	Tsing Sha Control Area (General) Regulation (Cap. 594 sub. leg. A).
	Tsing Sha Control Area (Tolls, Fees and Charges) Regulation (Cap. 594 sub. leg. B).
Director of Highways	Tsing Sha Control Area Ordinance (Cap. 594).

Tsing Sha Control Area (General)
Regulation (Cap. 594 sub. leg. A).

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2009

Explanatory Note

The purpose of this Notice is to enable the Commissioner for Transport and the Director of Highways to delegate to other public officers their respective powers and duties under the Tsing Sha Control Area Ordinance (Cap. 594) and its subsidiary legislation.

**TSING MA CONTROL AREA (GENERAL)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2009**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 27(2) of
the Tsing Ma Control Area Ordinance (Cap. 498))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 10 July 2009.

2. Interpretation

(1) Section 1 of the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation (Cap. 498 sub. leg. B) is amended, in the definition of “autotoll booth”, by repealing “has the same meaning as in the Tolls Regulation” and substituting “means a toll booth designated as an autotoll booth under section 20(2)”.

(2) Section 1 is amended by adding –

““agent” (代理人), in relation to the collection of tolls, means an agent appointed by the Commissioner or an operator, to carry out administrative work relating to automatic toll collection within the Area;

“bus” (巴士) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

“heavy goods vehicle” (重型貨車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

“medium goods vehicle” (中型貨車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

“middle lane” (中間行車綫) means any lane between the nearside lane and the right most lane (in relation to the direction of traffic) in any road within the Area;”.

3. Section substituted

Section 15 is repealed and the following substituted –

“15. Control of use of lanes in tunnels

(1) A person must not drive any of the following vehicles in the right most lane or middle lane of the tunnel –

- (a) a bus;
- (b) a vehicle towing another vehicle;
- (c) a vehicle in respect of which a permit is required under section 22.

(2) A person must not drive a medium goods vehicle or a heavy goods vehicle in the right most lane of the tunnel.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a vehicle that is also within the description of subsection (1)(b) or (c).”.

4. Automatic toll collection facilities

Section 20(2) is repealed and the following substituted –

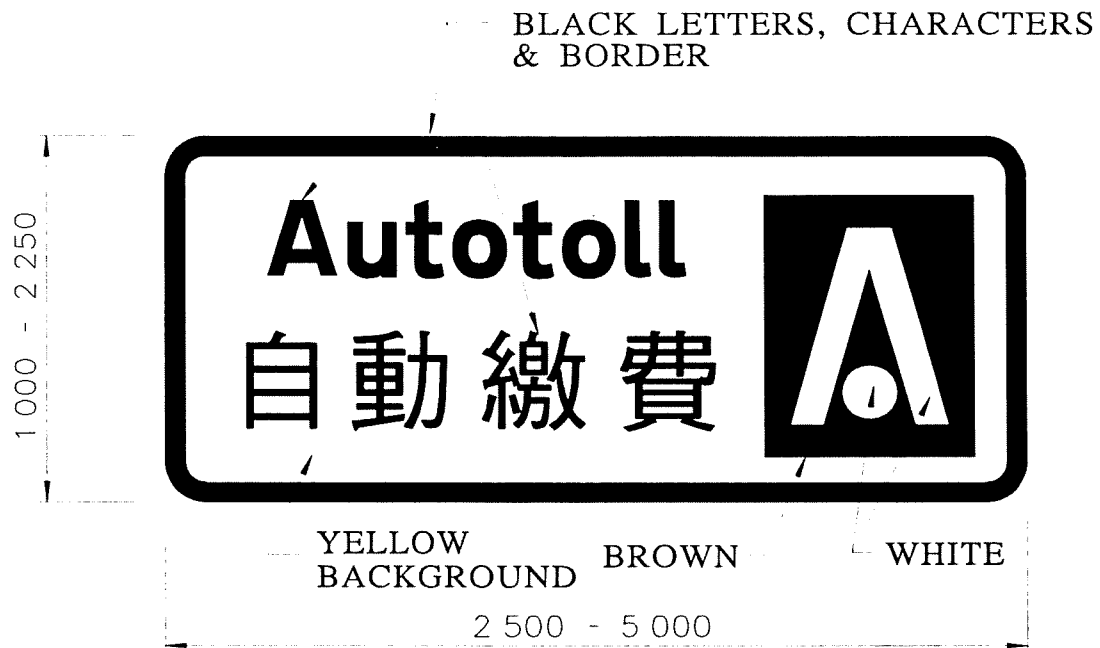
“(2) The Commissioner, or an operator with the approval of the Commissioner, may designate a toll booth at which an automatic toll collection facility is installed under subsection (1)(a) as an autotoll booth –

- (a) by displaying above a lane that leads to the toll booth a traffic sign shown as Figure No. 10 in Schedule 1; or
- (b) by displaying at the side of the toll booth a traffic sign shown as Figure No. 10A in Schedule 1.”.

5. Traffic signs and light signals

(1) Schedule 1 is amended by repealing Figure No. 10 and substituting –

“FIGURE NO. 10

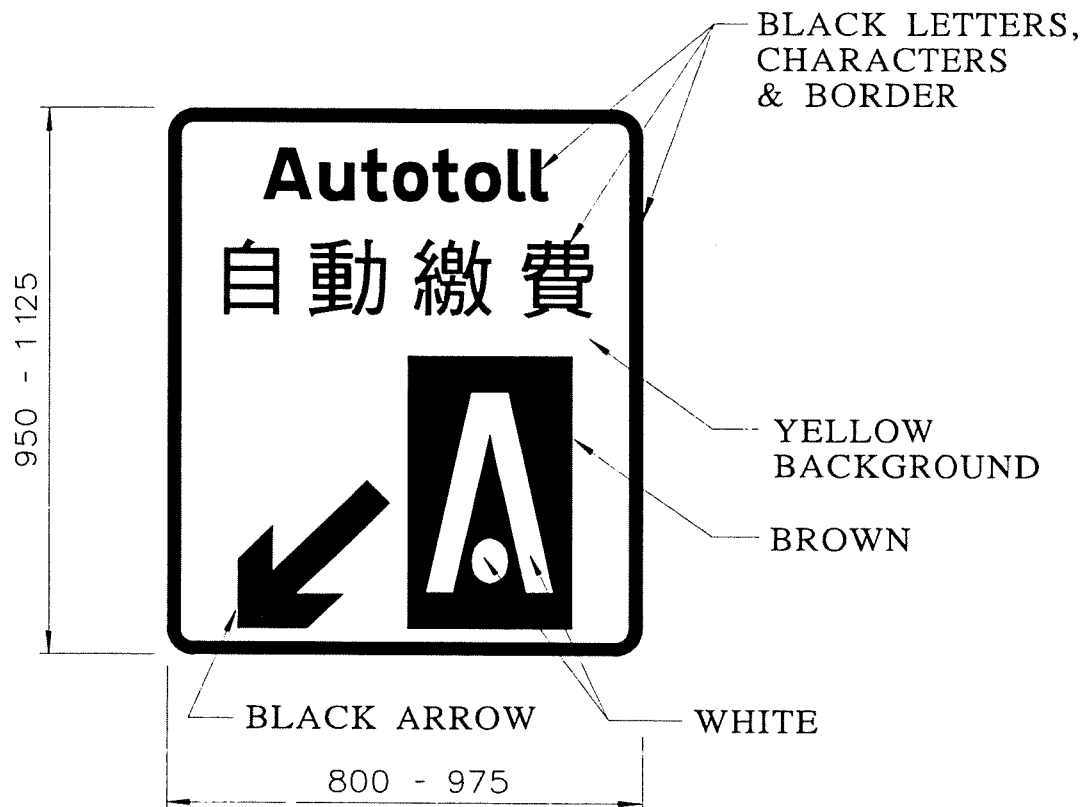


**TRAFFIC LANE
(AUTOTOLL ONLY)**

THIS SIGN IS DISPLAYED ABOVE A LANE THAT LEADS TO AN AUTOTOLL BOOTH. IT INDICATES THAT ONLY A VEHICLE WITH A VALID ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS THE ACCOUNT OF WHICH IS OPENED IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE MAY PROCEED IN THE LANE.”.

- (2) Schedule 1 is amended by adding –

“FIGURE NO. 10A



AUTOTOLL BOOTH

WHEN THIS SIGN IS DISPLAYED AT THE SIDE OF A TOLL BOOTH IT INDICATES THAT THE TOLL BOOTH IS AN AUTOTOLL BOOTH. IT MAY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SIGN IN FIGURE NO. 10 AND IT INDICATES THAT ONLY A VEHICLE WITH A VALID ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS THE ACCOUNT OF WHICH IS OPENED IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE MAY PASS THROUGH THE AUTOTOLL BOOTH.”.

(3) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 11, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” and substituting “LANE”.

(4) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 11, in paragraph (a), by repealing “ELECTRONIC PASS” and substituting “ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS”.

(5) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 12, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” and substituting “LANE”.

(6) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 12, by repealing “ELECTRONIC PASS” where it twice appears and substituting “ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS”.

(7) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 14, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” wherever it appears and substituting “LANE”.

(8) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 19, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” and substituting “LANE”.

(9) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 21, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” where it twice appears and substituting “LANE”.

(10) Schedule 1 is amended by adding –

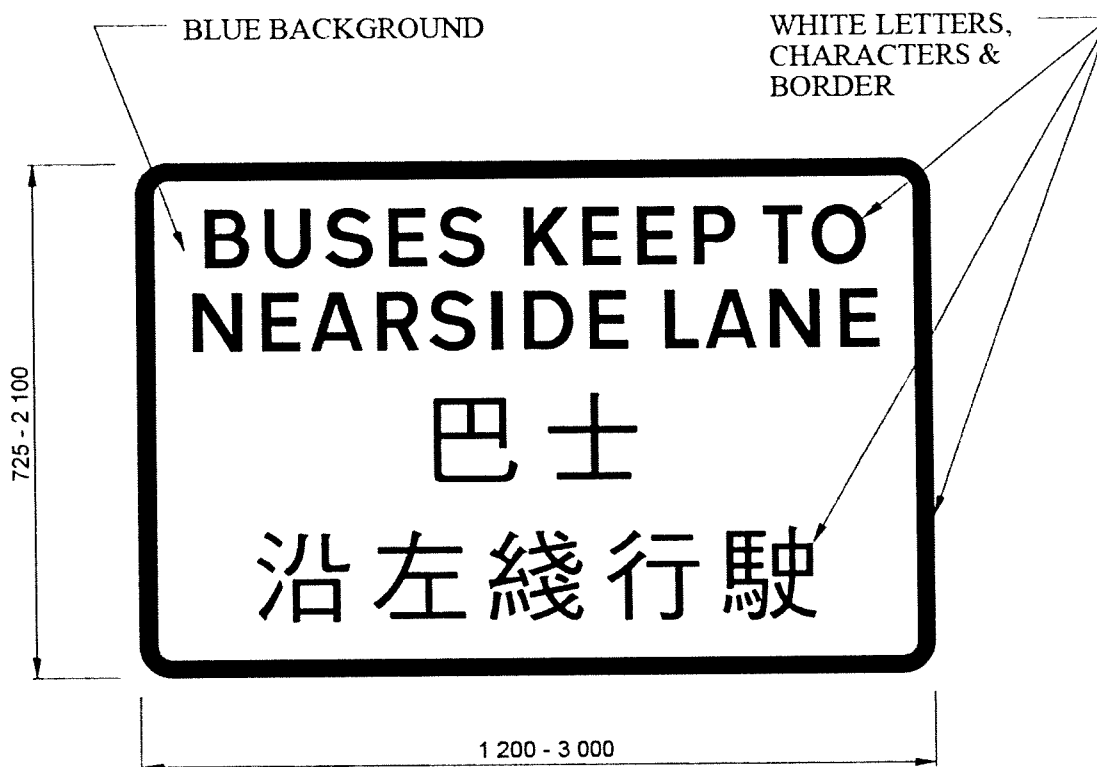
“FIGURE NO. 29



KEEP TO NEARSIDE LANE OR MIDDLE LANE OF TUNNEL

THIS SIGN INDICATES THAT MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES MUST KEEP TO THE NEAR SIDE LANE OR THE MIDDLE LANE OF THE TUNNEL.

FIGURE NO. 30



KEEP TO NEAR SIDE LANE OF TUNNEL

THIS SIGN INDICATES THAT BUSES MUST KEEP TO THE NEAR SIDE LANE OF THE TUNNEL.

THE WORD AND CHARACTERS "BUSES" AND "巴士" MAY BE REPLACED BY ANY DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLES TO INDICATE THAT THOSE VEHICLES MUST KEEP TO THE NEAR SIDE LANE OF THE TUNNEL."

6. Transitional provision

During the period of 12 months after the commencement of this Regulation, a traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown as Figure No. 10 in Schedule 1 to the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation (Cap. 498 sub. leg. B) (“principal Regulation”) as in force immediately before the commencement of this Regulation and erected at any time before that commencement is to be treated as a traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown as Figure No. 10 in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulation as amended by this Regulation.

Secretary for Transport and Housing

2009

Explanatory Note

The purposes of this Regulation are to amend the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation (Cap. 498 sub. leg. B) to –

- (a) allow medium goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles to use the nearside lane or middle lane of the tunnel; and
- (b) adopt new and standardized autotoll booth signs and other signs in the Tsing Ma Control Area as part of the standardization programme launched by the Transport Department to standardize the signs for autotoll booths at various tolled tunnels and bridges in Hong Kong.