

## Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road (Amendment) Bylaw 2012

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(Made by the Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited under section 26 of the Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Ordinance (Cap. 474) after consultation with the Commissioner for Transport and subject to the approval of the Legislative Council)

1. **Commencement**  
This Bylaw comes into operation on 18 May 2012.
2. **Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Bylaw amended**  
The Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Bylaw (Cap. 474 sub. leg. C) is amended as set out in sections 3 to 11.
3. **Section 1 amended (interpretation)**
  - (1) Section 1, definition of *autotoll booth*—  
**Repeal**  
“equipped with an automatic toll collection facility approved by the Commissioner”  
**Substitute**  
“designated as an autotoll booth under section 18(2)”.
  - (2) Section 1—  
**Repeal the definition of *light signal***  
**Substitute**  
“*light signal* (交通燈) means an illuminated signal to control vehicular traffic or pedestrians within the toll area;”.
  - (3) Section 1, definition of *prescribed light signal*—  
(a) **Repeal**  
“(訂明管制燈號)”

**Substitute**

“(訂明交通燈)”;

- (b) Chinese text—

**Repeal**

“由附表所”

**Substitute**

“均在附表”;

- (c) Chinese text—

**Repeal**

“的管制燈號”

**Substitute**

“的交通燈”.

- (4) Section 1, Chinese text, definition of ~~訂明交通標誌~~—

**Repeal**

“由附表所”

**Substitute**

“均在附表”.

- (5) Section 1—

**Add in alphabetical order**

“*light goods vehicle* (輕型貨車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*motor cycle* (電單車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*motor tricycle* (機動三輪車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

*private car* (私家車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);”.

**4. Section 7 amended (speed limit)**

- (1) Section 7(1), English text—

**Repeal**

“shall”

**Substitute**

“must”.

- (2) Section 7(1), English text, before “speed exceeding”—

**Add**

“a”.

- (3) Section 7(1), English text—

**Repeal**

“Figures”

**Substitute**

“Figure”.

- (4) Section 7—

**Repeal subsection (2)****Substitute**

“(2) The driver of a vehicle in the toll area must not cause or permit the vehicle to travel at a speed exceeding 70 km per hour if—

- (a) the speed limit sign mentioned in subsection (1) is a speed limit sign as prescribed by Figure No. 8 or 9 in the Schedule; and

- (b) either—

- (i) the vehicle is a bus, medium goods vehicle or heavy goods vehicle; or
- (ii) the vehicle is a motor cycle, motor tricycle, private car or light goods vehicle, and the driver is authorized to drive the vehicle by a probationary driving licence issued under

regulation 12G of the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. B).”.

**5. Section 9 substituted**

Section 9—

**Repeal the section**

**Substitute**

**“9. Meaning of traffic signs, light signals and road markings**

- (1) The meaning of a prescribed traffic sign or prescribed light signal is in accordance with the content and the note relating to the figure of that sign or signal in the Schedule.
- (2) The meaning of a traffic sign, light signal or road marking prescribed by the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G) and the Road Traffic (Expressway) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. Q) is in accordance with the content and the note relating to the figure of that sign, signal or marking in the Schedules to those regulations.”.

**6. Section 10 substituted**

Section 10—

**Repeal the section**

**Substitute**

**“10. Traffic signs, light signals and road markings to be obeyed**

- (1) The driver of a vehicle in the toll area must comply with the requirement indicated by any prescribed traffic sign or prescribed light signal.

- (2) A person in the toll area must comply with the requirement indicated by any traffic sign, light signal or road marking that is—

- (a) prescribed under the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G);
- (b) erected, placed or otherwise displayed by the Company within the toll area pursuant to the regulations; and
- (c) applicable to the person.”.

**7. Section 12 amended (traffic confined to the nearside lane and/or middle lane in tunnel)**

- (1) Section 12, heading—

**Repeal**

**“Traffic confined to the nearside lane and/or middle lane in tunnel”**

**Substitute**

**“Control of use of lanes in tunnel”.**

- (2) Section 12(1)—

**Repeal**

**“A goods vehicle having a permitted gross vehicle weight in excess of 5.5 tonnes shall”**

**Substitute**

**“Subject to subsection (2), any medium goods vehicle or a heavy goods vehicle may”.**

- (3) Section 12(2), English text—

**Repeal**

**“shall”**

**Substitute**

**“may”.**

- (4) Section 12(2)(c)—  
**Repeal**  
 “or”.
- (5) Section 12—  
**Repeal subsection (3).**
- 8. Section 13 amended (general restrictions)**  
 Section 13(1), Chinese text—  
**Repeal**  
 “管制燈號” (wherever appearing)  
**Substitute**  
 “交通燈”.
- 9. Section 18 amended (automatic toll collection facilities)**  
 Section 18—  
**Repeal subsection (2)**  
**Substitute**  
 “(2) The Company may, with the written approval of the Commissioner, 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 lane that leads to the toll booth a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 23 in the Schedule; or  
 (b) by displaying at the side of the toll booth a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 24 in the Schedule.”.
- 10. Section 23 amended (general prohibitions)**  
 Section 23(h)(i), Chinese text—  
**Repeal**

- “管制燈號”  
**Substitute**  
 “交通燈”.
- 11. Schedule amended**
- (1) The Schedule—  
**Repeal**  
 “[ss. 1, 2, 7, 9, 10 & 18]”  
**Substitute**  
 “[ss. 1, 2, 7, 9 & 18]”.
- (2) The Schedule, Figure No. 6—  
**Repeal**  
 “FOLLOWING THE SIGN.”  
**Substitute**  
 “FOLLOWING THE SIGN.  
  
 THIS SIGN MAY BE USED WITHOUT THE LETTERS  
 “km/h”.”.
- (3) The Schedule, Figure No. 7—  
**Repeal**  
 “FOLLOWING THE SIGN.”  
**Substitute**  
 “FOLLOWING THE SIGN.  
  
 THIS SIGN MAY BE USED WITHOUT THE LETTERS  
 “km/h”.”.
- (4) The Schedule, Figure No. 8—  
**Repeal**  
 “FOLLOWING THE SIGN.”

**Substitute**

“FOLLOWING THE SIGN.

THIS SIGN MAY BE USED WITHOUT THE LETTERS “km/h”.”.

- (5) The Schedule, Figure No. 9—

**Repeal**

“FOLLOWING THE SIGN.”

**Substitute**

“FOLLOWING THE SIGN.

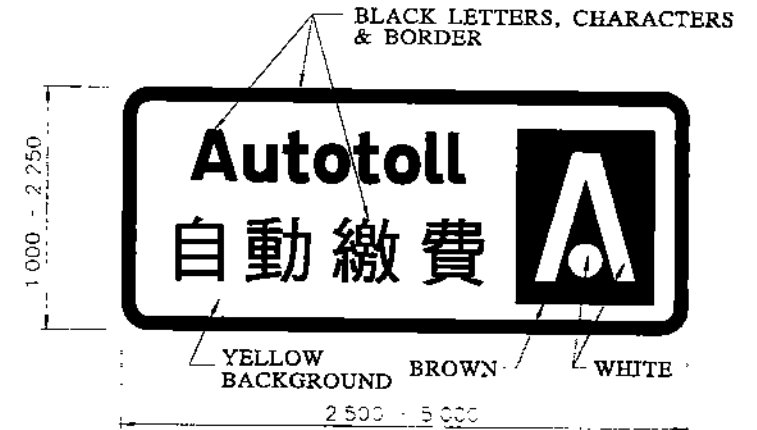
THIS SIGN MAY BE USED WITHOUT THE LETTERS “km/h”.”.

- (6) The Schedule—

**Repeal Figure No. 23**

**Substitute**

“Figure No. 23



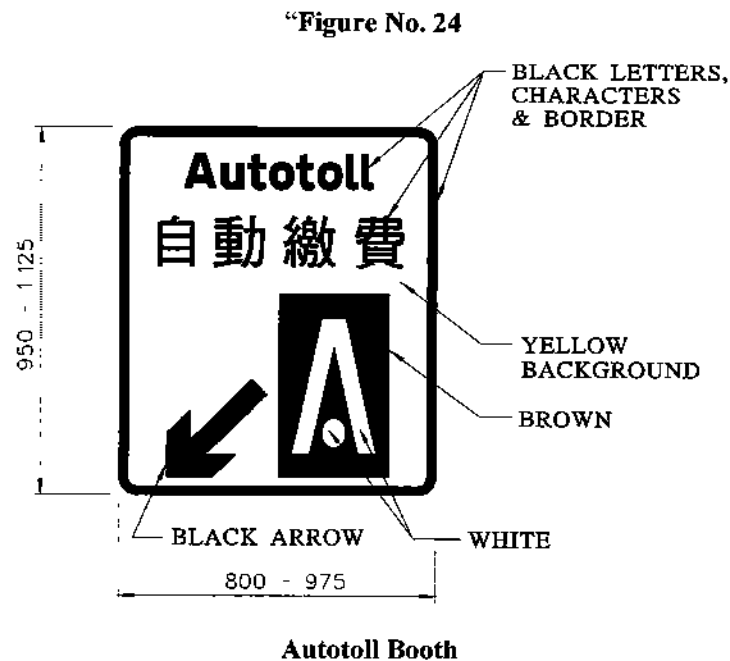
**Lane  
(Autotoll Only)**

This sign is displayed above a lane that leads to an autotoll booth. It indicates that only a vehicle with a valid electronic pass the account of which is opened in respect of the vehicle may proceed in the lane.”.

- (7) The Schedule—

**Repeal Figure No. 24**

**Substitute**



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. 23 and it indicates that only a vehicle with a valid electronic pass the account of which is opened in respect of the vehicle may pass through the autotoll booth.”.

## 12. Transitional provision

During the period of 12 months after the commencement date of this Bylaw—

- (a) a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 23 in the Schedule to the Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Bylaw (Cap. 474 sub. leg. C)

- (b) a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 24 in the Schedule to the principal Bylaw as in force immediately before the commencement date of this Bylaw and erected at any time before that commencement date is to be treated as a prescribed traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 23 in the Schedule to the principal Bylaw as amended by this Bylaw; and

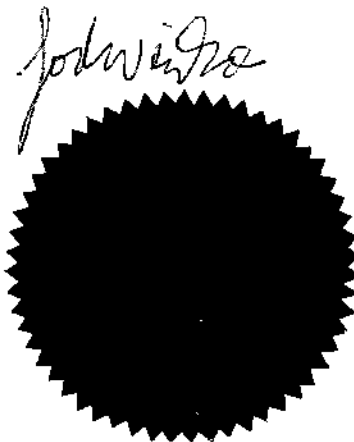
Made by the Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited this 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of April 2012.

Signed by Mr. John Anthony Miller and Mr. So Wai Kei, Godwin  
under the Common Seal of the Company



Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited

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### Explanatory Note

The purposes of this Bylaw are to amend the Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Bylaw (Cap. 474 sub. leg. C) to—

- (a) restrict the maximum speed limit for certain vehicles in the toll area at 70 km per hour even though there are speed limit signs indicating different speed limits; and
- (b) adopt new and standardized autotoll booth signs (Figure Nos. 23 and 24) in the toll 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.