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Dear Miss So,

LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Review of Non-commencement of ordinances/ certain provisions of ordinances

In response to the Panel's request, I attach at **Annex** a table which summarises the current position of those ordinances/certain provisions of ordinances which have been enacted for over three years (i.e. in or before 2012) but are not yet in operation.

After conducting a critical review, relevant bureaux have confirmed that **items 6, 8 and 11** would commence as specified in the table. As regards **items 1 to 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12 to 14**, they would be brought into operation upon completion of the relevant preparatory work.

In addition, after taking into account the policy considerations and prevailing circumstances, **items 15 to 17** are considered no longer necessary and will be repealed when the opportunity arises. For the remaining items, relevant bureaux will continue to keep the provisions under review with a view to commencing or repealing them as early as practicable.

Yours sincerely,



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Ordinances/provisions of ordinances enacted in 2012 or before but not yet in operation

A. Ordinances to be brought into operation

Item	Year in which ordinance was enacted	Ordinance	Provisions	Main purpose of the Provisions	Expected commencement date	Reason(s) for not having come into operation	Responsible/ Instructing Bureau
1	1995	(81 of 1995) Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486)	Section 33	Section 33 prohibits the transfer of personal data to places outside Hong Kong unless one of a number of specified conditions is met. The purpose of the cross-border transfer restriction is to ensure that the transferred personal data will be afforded a level of protection comparable to that under the Ordinance.	-	As the commencement of section 33 would have significant implications on the transfer of personal data to places outside Hong Kong, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau is working with the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data in mapping out the way forward, including, inter alia, commissioning a consultant to conduct an assessment to ensure conditions necessary for implementing the provision are in place.	Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau
2	1997	(94 of 1997) Legal Services Legislation (Miscellaneous	Sections 2 to 6, 15 and 21 (in respect of sections 1, 5 and 6 of Schedule 2 only)	The provisions (as amended by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance	-	The Law Society is empowered under section 73(1)(a)(i) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance	Department of Justice

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		Amendments) Ordinance 1997		2012) relate to the establishment of solicitor corporations and foreign lawyer corporations as legal practice entities.		(Cap. 159) to prepare rules relating to the establishment of solicitors corporations and foreign lawyers corporations. The Law Society is now working on the proposed Solicitor Corporation Rules (“the Rules”) and the consequential amendments to various pieces of subsidiary legislation under Cap. 159 in consultation with the Department of Justice (“DoJ”) and other stakeholders. The provisions will be brought into force after completion of the Rules and the consequential amendments to Cap. 159.	
3	2000	(17 of 2000) International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Ordinance	Sections 6(a), 7(a), 9(a), 10, 11, 12 and 13	The provisions seek to repeal those provisions of International Organizations and Diplomatic Privileges Ordinance (Cap. 190) which deal with	-	Cap. 558 was introduced to provide a framework to give effect in Hong Kong to the privileges and immunities conferred upon international organisations by international agreements.	Administration Wing

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		(Cap. 558)		privileges and immunities notifications in respect of international organisations.		It seeks to gradually replace the relevant sections of Cap. 190. As and when the Central People's Government or the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSAR Government) concludes international agreements on additional privileges and immunities applicable to international organisations in Hong Kong, new orders under Cap. 558 will be made and the corresponding sections in Cap. 190 will be repealed.	
4	2003	(14 of 2003) Law Amendment and Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2003	Sections 2 and 3	Section 2 of this Ordinance amends section 6 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) to provide that the Law Society may require an applicant for the first issue of a solicitor's practising certificate to	-	On section 2, the Law Society would like to allow more time for the mandatory Risk Management Education requirements, which are implemented in phases, to settle in with the profession before proceeding with another set of mandatory programme.	Department of Justice

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				<p>have successfully completed a mandatory course in practice management provided or approved by the Law Society.</p> <p>Section 3 relates to the establishment of solicitor corporations and foreign lawyer corporations as legal practice entities.</p>		<p>The Law Society considers that section 2 should not take effect until the mandatory practice management course is in place.</p> <p>Section 3 will come into operation when section 4 of the Legal Services Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 1997 commences (see item 2 above).</p> <p>In August 2014, DoJ sought the Law Society's advice on the commencement of section 2 of the Ordinance. DoJ is awaiting the Law Society's advice and has sent a reminder recently.</p>	

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5	2003	(23 of 2003) Evidence (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2003	Sections 12 to 19, 23 and 24	The provisions amend several ordinances to provide, among others, that in criminal proceedings, a person, other than a person who is a defendant in the proceedings concerned, may give evidence to the court via live TV link from a place outside Hong Kong; and that Hong Kong courts may give assistance to a court or tribunal outside Hong Kong (“requesting court”) by ordering the examination of a witness via a live television link before a Hong Kong court for the purposes of criminal proceedings in the requesting court.	-	The requisite subsidiary legislation, namely the Live Television Link (Witnesses Outside Hong Kong) Rules; and the Rules of the High Court (Amendment) (No.2) Rules 2015 were gazetted on 3 July 2015, and introduced into the Legislative Council (LegCo) for negative vetting on 8 July 2015. We aim to bring the pending provisions of the Ordinance into operation as soon as practicable after negative vetting of the Rules.	Department of Justice

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6	2004	(18 of 2004) Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Section 3(2), (3) and (4) (b) Section 4 (c) Section 5 (in so far as it relates to employing a person to personally carry out on a construction site construction work in contravention of sections 3(2), (3) or (4)) (d) Section 6(1) (in so far as it relates to the contravention of sections 3(2), (3) or (4)) (e) Section 6(2) (in so far as it relates to the contravention of section 5 (to the extent that it is in operation under paragraph (c))) (f) Section 6(4)(in so 	The provisions stipulate the requirement of registration of construction workers and related matters.	April 2017	<p>A phased approach has been adopted to implement the provisions in Cap. 583. The first phase covering most of the provisions of the Ordinance was implemented in 2007.</p> <p>To facilitate full implementation of the remaining provisions, Cap. 583 was amended and the amendments were commenced in April 2015. Allowing two years for workers to register under Cap. 583, the remaining provisions are scheduled for commencement in April 2017.</p>	Development Bureau

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			<p>far as it relates to the contravention of sections 3(2), (3) or (4) or the contravention of section 5 (to the extent that it is in operation under paragraph (c))</p> <p>(g) Sections 6(8)(b), (c) and (d)</p> <p>(h) Sections 48(1)(b), (c) and (d)</p>				
7	2007	(15 of 2007) Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance 2007	<p>(a) Section 6(1) (insofar as it relates to the new section 25(1)(e) and (f), (2) and (4))</p> <p>(b) Section 47(2) (insofar as it relates to paragraphs (e) and (f) of the new definition of rental right in section 198(1))</p>	To add a new exclusive rental right for comic books.	-	Copyright owners are encouraged to work out a licensing scheme for comic books with relevant stakeholders so that the rental shops could carry on with their business in a lawful manner upon commencement of the relevant provisions. As there is no agreed arrangement on licensing scheme at this stage, the relevant provisions have not been brought into operation.	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

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			(c) Section 75 (insofar as it relates to Part 3 of the new Schedule 7 but only to the extent that Part 3 of the new Schedule 7 relates to the transitional provisions and savings in relation to the amendments effected by section 6 (insofar as it relates to the new section 25(1)(e) and (f)))				
8	2009	(10 of 2009) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2009	Sections 3(1), (2), (3), (4) and (6), 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 30(8), 33, 34(1), 37, 42(3), 43, 44(1), (2) and (4), 45, 46(2) and 47 and Part 4	These provisions are mainly technical amendments made to sections relating to "Interpretation", "Issue or endorsement of certificate", "Certificate of Convention ships not	The Government is preparing 14 pieces of subsidiary legislation under the Ordinance for implementing SOLAS and ILLC. After completion of law drafting and then enactment by LegCo,	The Government has taken time to prepare the 14 pieces of subsidiary legislation in order to ensure consistency among provisions in the Ordinance as well as its subsidiary legislation for implementing SOLAS and	Transport and Housing Bureau

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				<p>registered in Hong Kong”, “Issue and display of load line certificate” and “Valid Convention certificates” of the Ordinance to bring the relevant requirements in line with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the International Convention on Load Lines (ILLC). In addition, there are some other minor and consequential amendments.</p>	<p>the 14 pieces of subsidiary legislation, together with the uncommenced provisions in the Ordinance, are expected to commence operation in 2017.</p>	<p>ILLC.</p>	

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9	2011	(13 of 2011) Legislation Publication Ordinance (Cap. 614)	Sections 3 to 16 (Parts 2 to 4), 22, 27, 28 and 29	These provisions relate to the establishment of an electronic database of legislation containing copies of legislation with legal status.	-	<p>Parts 2 to 4 and sections 22 and 29 relate to the legal framework for DoJ's new legislation database ("Database"). They should be brought into operation shortly before the implementation of the Database (in end-2016 or early 2017 the earliest).</p> <p>Sections 27 and 28 repeal the Laws (Loose-leaf Publication) Ordinance 1990 and the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance 1965. Verification of legislation data in the Database will be carried out progressively in the coming years. We intend to bring these sections into operation after all legislation data are verified (around 2021 the earliest) and when we are ready to retire the Loose-leaf edition.</p>	Department of Justice

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10	2011	(24 of 2011) Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2011	Section 14 (in respect of the new section 39N)	To empower a police officer who may require a person who is driving or attempting to drive, or is in charge of, a motor vehicle on a road, to undergo a Rapid Oral Fluid Test to detect whether any specified illicit drug is present in his or her oral fluid.	-	A suitable instrument for the Rapid Oral Fluid Test is still being identified by the Police.	Transport and Housing Bureau
11	2012	(14 of 2012) Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619)	All provisions, except sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 35, 38, 40, 59, 176, Parts 8, 9 and 10, Divisions 1 and 2 of Part 12, Schedule 5, Part 6 of Schedule 7, Parts 3, 5 and 7 and section 32 of Schedule 8	To prohibit conduct that prevents, restricts or distorts competition in Hong Kong and to prohibit mergers that substantially lessen competition in Hong Kong.	14 December 2015	It has been the Government's intention to implement Cap. 619 in phases, and to only bring it into full commencement when all preparatory work carried out by the Government, the Competition Commission and the Judiciary for the Competition Tribunal is completed. In view of the progress of the relevant preparatory work, the Competition Ordinance (Commencement) (No. 2)	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

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						Notice 2015 has been made to appoint 14 December 2015 as date for the commencement of all the remaining provisions of Cap. 619.	
12	2012	(22 of 2012) Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Ordinance 2012	Sections 1 to 11	To introduce limited liability partnership (“LLP”) for law firms in Hong Kong	-	At present, the procedural rules for litigations as regards partners in Order 81 of the Rules of the High Court, and Order 81 of the Rules of the District Court (collectively as “Order 81”) are primarily catered for general partnership, but not for LLP. In this respect, the relevant Amendment Rules which amended Order 81 for LLP were gazetted on 18 September 2015, and they have been introduced into the Legislative Council for negative vetting on 14 October 2015. We aim to bring the Ordinance into operation as soon as practicable after negative vetting of the Amendment	Department of Justice

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						Rules.	
13	2012	(26 of 2012) Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (SL(MP)O)	Division 1 of Part 8	The provisions contain amendments relating to legal practice entities under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) and are required to be made so as to enable the relevant provisions of the Legal Services Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 1997 (94 of 1997) to be brought into operation.	-	The Legal Services Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 1997 (94 of 1997) ("the 1997 Ordinance") allows solicitors to incorporate their practices as solicitor corporations. SL(MP)O enacted in July 2012 makes various amendments to bring the relevant provisions relating to solicitor corporations up to date. For the reasons as specified in item 2 of the Annex, the relevant provisions under the 1997 Ordinance has not yet been brought into force. Pursuant to section 1(3) of the SL(MP)O, Division 1 of Part 8 of the SL(MP)O will come into operation on the day on which section 2 of the 1997 Ordinance comes into force.	Department of Justice

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14	2012	(28 of 2012) Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622)	<p>(a) in Part 2:-</p> <p>(i) Section 27(3), (4), (5) and (6) insofar as it relates to a director or reserve director; and</p> <p>(ii) Sections 47, 49, 50, 51 and 52 and Subdivision 2 of Division 7;</p> <p>(b) in Part 12:-</p> <p>(i) Section 643(1)(a)(ii), (2)(b) and (3)(b) insofar as it relates to a correspondence address; and</p> <p>(ii) Sections 643(5), 644, 645(5), 647(4) and (5), 651 and 657(2)(g);</p> <p>(c) in Part 16:-</p>	<p><u>Provisions (a) to (f)</u></p> <p>The provisions seek to restrict the disclosure on the Companies Register of the residential address of a director and the identification number of any individual.</p> <p><u>Provisions (g)</u></p> <p>The provisions seek to take forward the uncertificated securities market initiative by allowing for uncertificated securities under Cap. 622.</p>	-	<p><u>Provisions (a) to (f)</u></p> <p>Given that there are divergent views on the new arrangement with respect to inspection of directors' personal information on the Companies Register, the Government has decided to accord priority to the tasks necessary for commencing the new Cap. 622 as scheduled (3 March 2014), and will continue to listen to the views of relevant stakeholders on the issue.</p> <p><u>Provisions (g)</u></p> <p>The provisions are further amended by the Securities and Futures and Companies Legislation (Uncertificated Securities Market Amendment) Ordinance 2015, which will commence operation on a date to be appointed by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.</p>	Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau

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			<p>Sections 791(4) and 802(4) and (5);</p> <p>(d)in Schedule 2:- Section 3(1)(a)(iii) and (2);</p> <p>(e)in Schedule 6:- Sections 3 and 4;</p> <p>(f) in Schedule 11:- Section 115</p> <p>(g) Section 908 & Schedule 8</p>				

B. Ordinances to be repealed

Item	Year in which ordinance was enacted	Ordinance	Provisions	Main purpose of the Provisions	Reason(s) for not having come into operation	Timetable to repeal the provisions	Responsible/ Instructing Bureau
15	1962	(38 of 1962) Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance (Cap. 56)	Sections 19, 20, 21, 31, 49(3) and 50(3)	The provisions seek to govern the safe use of pressurised fuel containers (commonly known as “kerosene stove”).	After taking into account the relevant policy considerations, the Labour and Welfare Bureau considers that the provisions are no longer required.	The provisions can be repealed when an opportunity arises.	Labour and Welfare Bureau
16	1995	(56 of 1995) Wills (Amendment) Ordinance 1995	Sections 8 (new Part IIA) and 10	The provisions seek to implement the “Convention Providing a Uniform Law on the Form of an International Will” concluded at Washington on 26 October 1973.	After taking into account the relevant policy considerations, the Home Affairs Bureau considers that the provisions are no longer required.	The provisions can be repealed when an opportunity arises.	Home Affairs Bureau

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17	1999	(47 of 1999) Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549)	(a) Section 90(8), (b) Section 158(4) (other than in so far as it relates to a listed Chinese medicine practitioner) (c) Section 158(6) (in relation to a proprietary Chinese medicine which is compounded by or under the supervision of a person who continues to practise Chinese medicine by virtue of section 90(7) or which is individually prepared or compounded in accordance with a prescription given by such a person)	The provisions seek to provide for the interim arrangements pending the full implementation of the mandatory registration of Chinese medicine practitioners.	Since the relevant provisions were put in place as transitional arrangements, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) considers that the provisions are no longer required.	The provisions can be repealed when an opportunity arises.	Food and Health Bureau

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			<p>(d) Section 164(a)(iii) (other than to the extent that new section 28(3)(h) of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) relates to a Chinese medicine practitioner registered or listed under Cap. 549)</p> <p>(e) Section 165 (other than to the extent that new section 31 of Cap. 161 relates to any Chinese medicine practitioner registered or listed under Cap. 549)</p> <p>(f) Section 168(a) (other than to the</p>				

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			<p>extent that new section 5(1)(d) of the Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance (Cap. 231) relates to Chinese medicine practitioners registered or listed under Cap. 549)</p> <p>(g) Section 170(a) (other than to the extent that new paragraph (f) of the definition of "clinic" in section 2 of the Medical Clinics Ordinance (Cap. 343) relates to a Chinese medicine practitioner registered or listed under Cap. 549)</p>				

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			(h) Section 170(b) (other than in respect of new paragraph (c) of the definition of “medical treatment” in section 2 of Cap. 343, and new paragraph (d) of that definition but only to the extent it relates to a Chinese medicine practitioner registered or listed under Cap. 549)				

C. Ordinances under review

Item	Year in which ordinance was enacted	Ordinance	Provisions	Main purpose of the Provisions	Expected commencement date	Reason(s) for not having come into operation	Responsible/ Instructing Bureau
18	1975	(55 of 1975) Labour Relations Ordinance (Cap. 55)	Part V	This part seeks to empower the Chief Executive in Council to make a cooling-off period order, where necessary and when there is a clear need, when a major labour dispute is seriously affecting the welfare and livelihood of the public.	-	When Cap. 55 was passed in 1975, it was decided in the then LegCo that while Part V should be legislated, it should be brought into operation only when there was a clear and publicly recognised need to do so. As Cap. 55 has laid down certain pre-requisites for the imposition of a cooling-off period and there are yet circumstances to warrant the move, Part V of Cap. 55 has not yet been brought into operation. LWB will continue to keep the commencement of Part V under review.	Labour and Welfare Bureau

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19	1988	(75 of 1988) Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400)	Sections 7, 13(1)(b) and 14(3)	The provisions are “catch-all” type of provisions complementing those noise control-related provisions already in operation, empowering the relevant authority to control noise problems caused by construction work, industrial and commercial activities and noisy products unforeseen during the making of Cap. 400.	-	These provisions provide the necessary reserve power for the authority to deal with unforeseen circumstances in protecting people from being affected by noise disturbance. Subsidiary legislation is required to be made to supplement the implementation of these provisions. The Environment Bureau (ENB) will keep the issues in view and consideration will be given to bringing these sections into operation when there are specific circumstances in which the noise problem could not be adequately addressed under the existing control. Bringing the provision into operation would depend on the need, having regard to the control already in place.	Environment Bureau

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20	1994	(105 of 1994) Sewage Services Ordinance (Cap. 463)	Section 3(5)	Section 3(5) seeks to empower the Water Authority to increase the amount of water deposit required to pay by a customer with a view to covering any charge due arising from sewage charge.	-	The Government has reviewed the amount of water deposit from time to time and considered that there is presently no need to increase it in the context of covering the payment arising from sewage charge. Nevertheless, the level of water deposit will remain subject to regular review in the context of section 3(5) of the Ordinance. ENB will consider bringing the section into operation as and when the need arises.	Environment Bureau
21	1995	(18 of 1995) Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466)	Part V	Part V of Cap. 466 seeks to control marine pollution arising from maritime works activities related to dumping substances at sea.	-	All major maritime works that would be covered by Part V are already covered by the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499) enacted in 1998. Other maritime works are also covered by relevant administrative measures. ENB will continue to	Environment Bureau

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						monitor the situation and keep under review the need for introducing Part V.	
22	1997	(48 of 1997) Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap. 511)	Sections 36, 37 and 44 to 48 (other than for the purposes of the application of those sections to and in relation to any property in Hong Kong used wholly or primarily for human habitation)	The provisions seek to provide for the regulation of the day-to-day practices of licensed estate agents in respect of property transactions.	-	<p>When the legislative proposal was introduced into LegCo, the Government made clear that the licensing and regulatory system would be introduced in a gradual and planned manner. In line with the policy intention, Cap. 511 was brought into operation in stages.</p> <p>Regulatory work on the estate agency practices for residential properties, in particular for uncompleted first-hand residential properties, is the area of primary concern to the public. Priority has therefore been given to regulation of estate agent practices in residential property transactions.</p>	Transport and Housing Bureau

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						The Transport and Housing Bureau does not have a definite timetable on extending the provisions to cover local non-residential properties and non-local properties, and will continue to keep in view the issue.	
23	1997	(82 of 1997) Nurses Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1997	Section 5 to 8, 10 to 12, 14 to 19 and 24	The provisions seek to provide the Nursing Council with additional powers relating to the registration and enrolment of nurses, and the better control of nursing.	-	Subsidiary legislation is required to be made to supplement the implementation of the amended provisions. In addition, some additional amendments to the Nursing Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164) are also required in relation to the enabling provisions of Cap. 164 to make the relevant subsidiary legislation effective. FHB is conducting a strategic review on healthcare manpower planning and professional development which covers, among other things, the future development of the nursing	Food and Health Bureau

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						profession and for that matter the related legislation. FHB will take forward the legislative exercise as appropriate upon completion of the review.	
24	1997	(87 of 1997) Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance (Cap. 525)	Sections 3, 11 and 15 of Schedule 3	The provisions seek to repeal those provisions on the enforcement of external confiscation orders related to drug trafficking, including those in the Drug Trafficking (Recovering of Proceeds) Ordinance (Cap. 405).	-	Cap. 525 does not apply to the provision or obtaining of assistance in criminal matters between Hong Kong and any other part of the Mainland. The relevant provisions in Cap. 405 are the only legal means to enforce external confiscation orders for drug cases issued by the Mainland authorities. Before a mutual legal assistance agreement could be concluded with the Mainland, repealing the relevant provisions in Cap. 405 by bringing into operation the provisions of Cap. 525 will render HKSAR Government unable to enforce an external	Security Bureau

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						confiscation order issued by a Mainland authority and will increase the risk of drug money flowing into Hong Kong. The Security Bureau will continue to keep the provisions under review.	
25	1997	(89 of 1997) Crimes (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 1997	The Ordinance	Apart from the adaptation and technical amendments, the Ordinance 1997 makes two substantive changes to the Crimes Ordinance : (a) deletion of treasonable offences, but leaving intact the offence of treason; and (b) qualifying the offence of sedition by including the element of "intention of causing violence of creating public	-	The Crimes (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 1997 deals with treason and sedition, but does not address secession and subversion as required under Article 23 of the Basic Law (BL23). Offences under the Crimes (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 1997 should preferably be dealt with in the context of BL23 legislation, although there is no specific timetable for the latter.	Security Bureau

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				disorder or a public disturbance".			
26	2000	(47 of 2000) Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Cap. 561)	Section 33(4)(a)	Section 33(4) provides that an adult may enquire with the Council of Human Reproductive Technology (the Council) whether he/she was born out of reproductive technology procedures through donated gametes. Section 33(4)(a) provides that, apart from the information already prescribed in the Ordinance, the Secretary for Food and Health may also prescribe by regulations other information concerning the gamete donors that the adult may ask from the Council.	-	FHB and the Council on Human Reproductive Technology consider that no additional information other than those already prescribed by Cap. 561 is required at this stage because it takes 16 years for a person who was born out of reproductive technology procedures through donated gametes to become an adult and, thus, can make request for information. FHB will consider if any regulation has to be made at a later stage as and when changes in societal circumstances warrants it.	Food and Health Bureau

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27	2000	(56 of 2000) Adaptation of Laws (No. 9) Ordinance 2000	Sections 9 and 10 of Schedule 1	The provisions seek to replace “Governor” and “Governor in Council” with “Chief Executive” and “Chief Executive in Council” respectively in sections 35 and 36 of the Labour Relations Ordinance (Cap. 55).	-	The provisions will be brought into operation when sections 35 and 36 of Cap. 55 commence (see item 18 above).	Labour and Welfare Bureau
28	2002	(4 of 2002) Dangerous Goods (Amendment) Ordinance 2002	The Ordinance	The Ordinance seeks to improve the regulatory framework of dangerous goods and bring it in line with commonly adopted international standards.	-	LegCo passed two pieces of subsidiary legislation under the Ordinance in 2012 including the Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012 and Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation 2012. The two other pieces of subsidiary legislation are still under review and subject to further drafting. The Ordinance could only come into operation upon the passage of all relevant subsidiary legislation. Commencement of the provisions depends on	Security Bureau

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						progress of the review of the relevant subsidiary legislation.	
29	2004	(26 of 2004) Land Titles Ordinance (Cap. 585)	The Ordinance	Cap. 585 seeks to introduce a system for registration of title to land in place of the deeds registration system now operating under the Land Registration Ordinance (Cap 128).	-	Consultation with major stakeholders is still underway. The consultation is related to various changes to the rectification, indemnity and conversion arrangements stipulated in existing provisions of Cap. 585 for the new title registration system. Commencement of the provisions depends on progress of the consultation and enactment of amending legislation to give effect to the necessary changes to the new system.	Development Bureau