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**Subcommittee on Four Commencement Notices Relating to the
Commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Gazetted
on 22 October 2018 and Cross-boundary Movement of Physical
Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 3) Notice 2018**

Background brief prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat

Purpose

This paper provides background information on subsidiary legislation relating to the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HZMB") and the Cross-boundary Movement of Physical Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 3) Notice 2018 ("the Amendment Notice").

Background

2. HZMB is the first cross-boundary land bridge connecting Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. The entire HZMB project includes the Main Bridge in the Mainland waters and the respective link roads and boundary crossing facilities in Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macao. The HZMB Hong Kong Link Road ("HKLR"), which is a 12-kilometre dual three-lane carriageway, starts from the boundary between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Mainland and runs continuously to the HZMB Hong Kong Port ("HKP"), which is located to the east of the Hong Kong International Airport, thereby linking the Main Bridge and HZMB HKP.

3. Four items of subsidiary legislation relating to the commissioning of HZMB HKP, namely, Immigration (Places of Detention) (Amendment) Order 2017, the Immigration Service (Designated Places) (Amendment) Order 2017, the Closed Area (Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port and Hong Kong Link Road) Order and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port and Hong Kong Link Road Closed Area (Permission to

Enter) Notice were tabled at the Council meeting of 11 October 2017. The four items of subsidiary legislation declare certain areas located at or adjacent to HZMB HKP and HKLR as a closed area under the Public Order Ordinance (Cap. 245), grant permission for cross-boundary passengers and drivers to go through the relevant closed areas and add the area within HZMB HKP that was set aside as detention quarters for use by the Immigration Department.

4. Separately, the Cross-boundary Movement of Physical Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments Ordinance (Cap. 629), which came into operation on 16 July 2018, requires a person arriving at any specified control point listed in Schedule 1 to the Ordinance from a place outside Hong Kong to make a written declaration of the currency and bearer negotiable instruments ("CBNIs") in his/her possession to the Customs and Excise Department, using the Red Channel under the Red and Green Channel System, if the total value of such CBNIs is more than the amount specified in Schedule 4 to the Ordinance, i.e. HK\$120,000.

5. On 22 October 2018, the Administration published in the Gazette the appointment of 24 October 2018 as the day on which the Closed Area (Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port and Hong Kong Link Road) Order (Cap. 245L), the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port and Hong Kong Link Road Closed Area (Permission to Enter) Notice (Cap. 245M), the Immigration (Places of Detention) (Amendment) Order 2017 and the Immigration Service (Designated Places) (Amendment) Order 2017 come into operation. The Amendment Notice, which was also published in the Gazette on the same day, adds HZMB HKP as a specified control point into Schedule 1 to Cap. 629.

Relevant deliberations of Members

6. A subcommittee was formed at the House Committee meeting on 13 October 2017 to study the four items of subsidiary legislation relating to the commissioning of HMZB HKP. The Subcommittee noted that these four items of subsidiary legislation would come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Security by notice published in the Gazette, which, according to the Administration, would be the day on which HZMB and HMZB HKP commenced operation. The Subcommittee raised no objection to these four items of subsidiary legislation, but deliberated on various issues including designation of the closed area, granting of permission for cross-boundary passengers and drivers to enter the closed area, setting up and use of detention quarters at HZMB HKP as well as manpower deployment. Members may refer to the report of the Subcommittee (LC Paper No. CB(2)202/17-18) for details.

Relevant papers

7. A list of relevant papers on the Legislative Council website is in the **Appendix**.

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Appendix

**Relevant papers on Subcommittee on Four Commencement Notices
Relating to the Commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge
Gazetted on 22 October 2018 and Cross-boundary Movement of Physical
Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 3) Notice 2018**

Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port	--	<u>Report of the Subcommittee to the House Committee</u>
Bills Committee on Cross-boundary Movement of Physical Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments Bill	--	<u>Report of the Bills Committee to the House Committee</u>

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