

BASIC LAW OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

RESOLUTION

(Under Article 75 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of
the People's Republic of China)

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

RESOLVED that the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region be amended -

(1) in Rule 13 -

(a) in subrule (1) -

(i) by repealing "without notice";

(ii) by adding at the end -

"The motion shall not be moved unless notice of it has
been given not less than 7 clear days before the day on which the
motion is to be considered by the Council:

Provided that the President may in his discretion
dispense with such notice.";

(b) in subrule (3), by repealing "and may be moved without notice";

(c) by adding -

"(4) No amendment shall be moved to the motion
described in subrule (2) unless -

- (a) notice of the amendment has been given not later than 5 clear days before the day on which the motion is to be considered by the Council; or
- (b) the President gives leave to dispense with notice of the amendment.”;

(2) in Rule 33 -

- (a) by adding -

“(3A) When no more Member indicates his intention to speak in a debate in the Council, the President shall call upon the mover of the motion to speak in reply. The reply, if so made, shall be confined to matters raised during the debate.”;

- (b) by repealing subrule (4) and substituting -

“(4) After the mover of a motion has made his reply, or in the event that there is no reply, the debate comes to a close. The President shall forthwith put the question on the motion, or on the motion as amended, to the Council for its decision.

(5) When no or no more Member indicates his intention to speak in a committee of the whole Council, the Chairman shall forthwith put the question on the motion, or on the motion as amended, to the committee of the whole Council for its decision.

(6) No Member may speak on the question after it has been put to the Council or a committee of the whole Council for decision by the President or Chairman.”;

(3) in Rule 34 -

- (a) by adding -

“(5A) In the Council the mover of an amendment shall not have the right of reply.”;

- (b) in subrule (6), by repealing “When no more Members wish” and substituting “When no or no more Member indicates his intention”;

(c) by adding -

“(7) No Member may speak on the question after it has been put to the Council or a committee of the whole Council for decision by the President or Chairman.”;

(4) in Rule 37(1)(a), by repealing “38(4) (Occasions when a Member may Speak more than once)” and substituting “33(3A) (Manner of Debating Motions)”;

(5) in Rule 38 -

(a) in subrule (1) -

(i) by repealing “Save with the leave of the President, a” and substituting “A”;

(ii) in paragraph (d), by repealing “as provided in subrule (4)” and substituting “at the end of the debate on the motion”;

(iii) by repealing paragraph (e);

(iv) by adding -

“(f) upon a Member's motion as provided in subrule (8);
or

(g) with the leave of the President.”;

(b) by repealing subrules (4), (6) and (7);

(c) by adding -

“(8) A designated public officer may speak a second time upon a Member's motion.”.