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extended by resolution)

***Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passports Ordinance (Cap. 539)
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passports Ordinance (Amendment of
Schedule) Notice 2000 (L.N. 277)**

This Notice increases by 15% the fees for the issue of a Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") passport of 32 pages and 48 pages from \$280 to \$320 and from \$400 to \$460 respectively. For persons under the age of 16 years, the fees for the issue of the same are increased from \$140 to \$160 and from \$200 to \$230 respectively. The existing levels of fees were set in July 1997 upon the introduction of the HKSAR passports.

Members may refer to the LegCo Brief (Ref.: SBCR 3/3231/66) dated 11 October 2000 issued by the Security Bureau for background information. According to the LegCo Brief, the Administration consulted the then LegCo Panel on Security on the proposal to increase the fees for issuing HKSAR passports on 15 June 2000 and has adjusted the proposed fee increase downwards in the light of Members' concern.

This Notice will come into operation on 24 November 2000.

* denotes fee increases

***Aerial Ropeways (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 211)**
Aerial Ropeways (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2000 (L.N. 278)

This Regulation increases by 10% the fees payable on applications under the Aerial Ropeways (Operation and Maintenance) Regulations (Cap. 211 sub. leg.) for the approval of persons employed in the operation and maintenance of aerial ropeways. With effect from 24 November 2000, the fees payable on applications for approval as surveyors will be increased from \$3,340 to \$3,675 and from \$1,870 to \$2,055 for applications for approval as competent persons and controllers. As for applications for approval as operators of aerial ropeways, the fees will be increased from \$1,270 to \$1,395. Those fees were last revised in March 1997.

Members may refer to the LegCo Brief (Ref.: PLB(B) 30/30/32(00)IV) issued by the Planning and Lands Bureau in October 2000 for background information. According to the LegCo Brief, the Administration consulted the then LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on the proposed increase on 8 June 2000. Members of the Panel did not raise objection to the proposal.

Insurance Companies Ordinance (Cap. 41)
Insurance Companies (Actuaries' Standards) Regulation (L.N. 279)

This Regulation prescribes the standards that are to be complied with by an actuary appointed under section 15(1) of the Insurance Companies Ordinance (Cap. 41), namely, the "Professional Standard 1(PS1)" approved by the Actuarial Society of Hong Kong ("ASHK"), including any subsequent amendment thereto made with the approval of the Insurance Authority and the Secretary for Financial Services.

According to the LegCo Brief (Ref.: FSB CR C2/2/37C(96)) dated 11 October 2000 issued by the Financial Services Bureau, the Insurance Advisory Committee, the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers and the ASHK have been consulted. All of them have indicated support for the Regulation.

This Regulation will come into operation on 1 January 2001.

***Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 327)**
Lifts and Escalators (Safety) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulation 2000 (L.N. 280)

This Regulation increases by 10% the various fees payable under the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 327). With effect from 24 November 2000, the fees payable for applications for inclusion of persons in the registers of lift engineers and escalator engineers will be increased from \$4,090 to \$4,490. For applications for inclusion of persons in the register of lift contractors

and escalator contractors, the fees will be increased from \$2,650 to \$2,915. The Regulation also increases the various fees for certificates of examination and testing of lifts and escalators by 10% with the result that the new fees will range from \$265 to \$740. The fees payable under the Ordinance were last revised in March 1997.

Members may refer to the LegCo Brief (Ref.: PLB(B) 30/30/75(VII)) issued by the Planning and Lands Bureau in October 2000 for more details. According to the LegCo Brief, the Administration consulted the then LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on the proposed revision of fees on 8 June 2000. Members of the Panel did not object to the proposed revision. The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited, the Lift and Escalator Contractors Association and the International Association of Elevator Engineers-Hong Kong Branch have also been consulted on the proposed fee increases. The former two organisations have no objection to the proposed increases while the latter has reservations on the percentage of increase on one of the regularly-charged certification fees.

Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59)
Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Loadshifting Machinery) Regulation
(L.N. 85 of 2000) (Commencement) Notice 2000 (L.N. 281)

This Notice appoints 20 November 2000 as the day on which certain provisions of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Loadshifting Machinery) Regulation (L.N. 85 of 2000) ("the Regulation") will come into operation. Those provisions impose a duty on responsible persons of loadshifting machines to provide training courses to machine operators and a duty on the operators to attend training courses provided by the responsible persons.

The provisions that have not come into operation relate to the operation of loadshifting machines by persons who have attained the age of 18 years and who hold a valid certificate, the duty to produce the valid certificate and offences and penalties for contravention of the Regulation.

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