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### COMMITTEE STAGE

### Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

<u>Clause</u>	Amendment Proposed		
Long title	By deleting "certain kinds of construction work"		
	and substituting "construction operations".		
2(1)	(a) In the definition of "authorized officer", by		
	deleting "60(1)" and substituting " <u>17A(1)</u> ".		
	(b) By deleting the definition of "Complaints		
	Committee".		
	(c) In the definition of "construction site" -		
	(i) by deleting "49 and 60(2)(a) and		
	(d)" and substituting " <u>17B and</u>		
	<u>17C</u> ";		
	(ii) in the Chinese text -		
	(A) by deleting "建造工程或"		
	wherever it appears;		
	(B) in paragraph (a), by deleting		
	""建造工程"、".		
	(d) In the definition of "construction work" -		
	(i) by deleting "建造工程、";		

- (ii) by deleting ", except in relation
   to Part 4";
- (iii) in the Chinese text, in paragraph
   (a)(ii), by deleting "解" and
   substituting "除".
- (e) By deleting the definition of "levy inspector".
- (f) In the definitions of "registered general worker", "registered semi-skilled worker", "registered semi-skilled worker (provisional)", "registered skilled worker", "registered skilled worker (provisional)" and "registered skilled worker (transitional)", by deleting "currently".
- (g) By deleting the definition of "subcontractor" and substituting -

""sub-contractor" (分包商), in relation

to a principal contractor, means any person who enters into a contract with another person (whether or not the principal contractor) to undertake all or any part of the construction work that the principal contractor has undertaken;". (h) By adding -

""domestic premises" (住用處所) means premises used or intended to be used solely or principally for residential purposes and constituting a separate household unit;".

- (i) In the definition of "總承建商", by deleting"造工程" and substituting "造工作".
- (a) In subclause (3), by deleting "set out in subsection (8) is true" and substituting "exists".
- (b) In subclause (4), by deleting "次承建" where it twice appears and substituting "分包".
- (c) In subclauses (5), by deleting "set out in subsection (8)" and substituting "exists".
- (d) In subclause (6) -
  - (i) in paragraph (a), by deleting "set out in subsection (8)" and substituting "exists".
  - (ii) by deleting "影響" and substituting
    "損害";
- (e) In subclause (7), by deleting "has" where it twice appears and substituting "had".

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(f) In subclause (8) -

- (i) by deleting "The relevant matter referred to in subsections (3),
  (5) and (6)(a) is" and substituting "For the purposes of subsections (3), (5) and (6)(a), the relevant matter exists if";
- (ii) in paragraph (a) -
  - (A) by adding "an offence in relation to" before "a contravention";
  - (B) by deleting "that";
- (iii) in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) -
  - (A) by adding "an offence in relation to" before "a contravention";
  - (B) by deleting "that" where it first appears;
  - (C) by deleting "involves" and substituting "involved".
- 7(3)(b) (a) By deleting "17" and substituting "18".
  - (b) By adding -"(iiia) 3 persons, each of whom is, in the opinion of the Secretary, a person

from a professional body connected

with the construction industry in
Hong Kong;".

- (c) In subparagraph (v) -
  - (i) by deleting "2" and substituting
    "3";
  - (ii) by deleting "association representing" and substituting "union, registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 332), that represents".
- (d) In subparagraph (vi), by deleting "developer" and substituting "developers association".
- (e) In subparagraph (vii), by deleting "6" and substituting "3".
- (a) By deleting subclause (1)(c).
- (b) In subclause (2) -
  - (i) in paragraph (e), by adding "and" at the end;
  - (ii) by deleting paragraph (f).
- 9(2) By deleting "or (c) or (2)(a), 11(5), 49, 50" and substituting "or (2)(a), 11(5)".
- 12 (a) In subclause (2)(b) -

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- (i) by deleting "12" and substituting
  "13";
- - (iii) 1 person who is, in the opinion of the Authority, a person from a professional body connected with the construction industry in Hong Kong;
    - (iv) 2 persons, each of whom is, in the opinion of the Authority, a person from a contractor in the construction industry in Hong Kong;

(v) 2 persons, each of whom is, in the opinion of the Authority, a person from a trade union, registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 332), that represents workers in the construction industry in Hong Kong; and (vi) 1 person who is, in the opinion of the Authority, a person from the major employers in the construction industry in Hong Kong.".

(b) By deleting subclause (3)(a).

- 14 By deleting the clause.
- 15 By deleting the clause.
- 16 (a) By deleting subclause (2)(e), (f), (g) and (h) and substituting -

- "(e) 2 persons, each of whom is, in the opinion of the Authority, a person from a contractor in the construction industry in Hong Kong; and
  - (f) 2 persons, each of whom is, in the opinion of the Authority, a person from a trade union, registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 332), that represents workers in the construction industry in Hong Kong.".

(b) By deleting subclause (3)(b).

New By adding -

#### "PART 3A

#### AUTHORIZED OFFICERS

### 17A. Appointment of authorized officers

(1) The Authority may, subject to the approval of the Secretary, appoint in writing a person to be an authorized officer for the purposes of this Ordinance (other than Part 4). (2) The Authority shall issue to each authorized officer a certificate of appointment that -

- (a) gives the name of the authorized officer to whom it is issued; and
- (b) states that it is issued by or on behalf of the Authority under this Ordinance.

(3) When performing or exercising a function or power under this Ordinance, an authorized officer shall, if requested to do so, produce for inspection his certificate of appointment.

(4) An authorized officer may perform or exercise any of his functions or powers under this Ordinance with the assistance of such other persons as the officer thinks fit.

### 17B. Powers of authorized officers to enter construction site

(1) Where a warrant has been issuedunder subsection (2) in respect of aconstruction site, or where subsection (4)

applies in respect of a construction site, an authorized officer may -

- (a) at any time, using such force as may be necessary, enter and search the site;
- (b) remove anything that obstructs the entry and search;
- (c) detain any person found on the site, during such period as is reasonably required to permit the search to be carried out, where that person might prejudice the purpose of the search if he were not so detained; and
- (d) inspect, seize, detain and remove from the site anything that is or contains, or appears to the officer to be or to contain, or to be likely to be or to contain, evidence of the commission of an offence under this Ordinance.

(2) A magistrate may issue a warrant authorizing an authorized officer to enter and search a construction site if the magistrate is satisfied by information on oath that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that -

- (a) an offence under thisOrdinance is being or hasbeen committed on the site;or
- (b) there is or may be on the site anything that is or contains, or is likely to be or to contain, evidence of the commission of an offence under this Ordinance.

(3) A warrant issued under subsection (2) continues in force for 1 month or until the purpose for which entry is required has been fulfilled, whichever first occurs.

(4) An authorized officer may, without a warrant issued under subsection (2), exercise any of the powers referred to in subsection (1) in respect of a construction site (other than domestic premises) if -

(a) he reasonably suspects that -

- (i) an offence under this Ordinance is being or has been committed on the site; or
- (ii) there is or may be on the site anything that is or contains, or is likely to be or to contain, evidence of the commission of an offence under

this Ordinance; and

(b) it is not practicable to obtain such a warrant in respect of the site before exercising those powers.

(5) For the purposes of ascertaining whether the provisions of this Ordinance have been or are being complied with, an authorized officer may enter a construction site at all reasonable times.

(6) This section does not prejudice any power of entry and search conferred on police officers under any other law.

### 17C. Other powers of authorized officers

(1) An authorized officer who has entered a construction site under section17B(1) or (5) may -

- (a) inspect and examine the site;
- (b) inspect and examine any plant, equipment or substance found on the site;
- (c) take photographs of the siteor of any plant, equipment orsubstance found on the site;
- (d) require any person found on the site -
  - (i) to state whether heis a registeredconstructionworker; and

(ii) if the person

states that he is a registered construction worker, to produce his registration card;

- (e) in relation to any person found on the site whom the officer reasonably suspects of committing, or having committed, an offence under this Ordinance -
  - (i) require the person -
    - (A) to give to the

officer the

person's name,

address and

telephone

 ${\tt number} \ {\tt and} \\$ 

such other

personal

particulars as

the officer

may reasonably

require; and

(B) to produce to

the officer

for inspection

the person's

identity card

issued under

the

Registration

of Persons

Ordinance

(Cap. 177) or

the person's

other

documentary

evidence of

identity; and

(ii) detain the person

for a reasonable

period while the

officer inquires

about the suspected

commission of the

offence;

(f) require any person found on the site to provide information that may enable

### the officer to identify -

- (i) the principal contractor for the site; or
- (ii) any person who personally carries

out on the site construction work or the employer of such person;

- (g) examine the records referred to in section 59(7)(a) and make copies of all or any part of those records; and
- (h) require the principal contractor for the site, or any person who is apparently an employee or agent of that contractor, to provide the officer with such assistance and facilities as are reasonably necessary to enable the officer to perform or exercise his functions or powers.

(2) An authorized officer may, in relation to anything that the officer seizes, detains or removes from a construction site under <u>section 17B(1)(d)</u> - (a) retain the thing for such period as may be reasonably necessary; and

- (b) if he reasonably believes that the thing is evidence of the commission of an offence under this Ordinance, retain the thing until proceedings for the offence have been heard and finally determined.
- (3) An authorized officer may -
  - (a) in order to make copies of records referred to in section 59(7)(a), remove the records from the construction site and retain them for such period as may be reasonably necessary; and
  - (b) if he reasonably believes that the records are evidence of the commission of an offence under this Ordinance, remove the records from the construction site and retain them until proceedings for the offence have been heard and finally determined.".

# (a) In the heading, by deleting "and application".

- (b) In subclause (1) -
  - (i) by deleting the definition of "construction works" and substituting -
    - ""construction operations" (建
      - 造工程), subject to
      - section 18C, has the
      - meaning assigned to it
      - in Schedule 1 to the
      - Industrial Training
      - (Construction Industry)
      - Ordinance (Cap. 317);";
  - (ii) by deleting the definition of
    - "value" and substituting -
      - ""value" (價值), in relation to
        - construction operations,
        - has the meaning assigned
        - to it in section 18A;";
  - (iii) by adding -
    - ""construction contract" (建造
      - 合約) has the meaning
      - assigned to it in
      - section 2(1) of the

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Industrial Training (Construction Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 317); "contract of employment" (僱傭 合約) has the meaning assigned to it in section 2(1) of the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57); "levy inspector" (徴款督察) means a person who is appointed under <u>section</u> <u>30A</u>; "term contract" (固定期合約) has the meaning assigned to it in section 2(1) of the Industrial Training (Construction Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 317); "total value" (總價值), in relation to construction operations, has the meaning assigned to it in <u>section 18B;</u>

"works order" (施工通知) has the meaning assigned to it in section 2(1) of the Industrial Training (Construction Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 317).".

- (c) By deleting subclause (2).
- (d) In subclause (3), by deleting "construction works" and substituting "construction operations".
- (e) By adding -

"(4) For the purposes of this Part -

- (a) where a person carries

  out any construction
  operations for any other
  person under a contract
  of employment, the
  construction operations
  shall be regarded as
  carried out by 
  (i) subject to
  subparagraph
  (ii), that
  other person;
  - or

(ii) where the

first-

mentioned

person is a

contractor by

virtue of

paragraph

(a)(i) of the

definition of

"contractor"

in section 2(1)

of the

Industrial

Training

(Construction

Industry)

Ordinance (Cap.

317), the

first-

mentioned

person;

(b) where a person carries out any construction operations for himself without arrangement

(except under a contract

of employment) for the carrying out of such operations by any other person, the firstmentioned person shall, apart from being the person who carries out the construction operations, also be regarded as the person for whom such operations are carried out,

and the definitions of "contractor" and "employer" and the other provisions of this Part shall be construed accordingly.

(5) For the purposes of this
Part, a person shall be regarded as
undertaking or carrying out
construction operations if -

(a) he manages, or arranges
 for, the carrying out of
 the construction
 operations by any other
 person for the employer
 concerned, whether by

way of sub-contracting
or otherwise; or

(b) he provides his own labour or that of any other person for the carrying out of the construction operations.".

New By adding -

### "18A. Value of construction operations

(1) For the purposes of this Part,"value" (價値), in relation to constructionoperations, means -

- (a) where the construction
   operations are carried out
   under a construction
   contract, the consideration
   attributable to such
   operations, as stated in, or
   ascertainable by reference
   to, the contract; or
- (b) where the construction operations are not carried out under a construction contract, the reasonable

consideration to be expected on the open market in respect of the carrying out of such operations.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a), if in a particular case the consideration attributable to the construction operations concerned as determined in accordance with that subsection is below the reasonable consideration to be expected on the open market in respect of the carrying out of such operations, that subsection shall be deemed to contain a reference to the reasonable consideration described in this subsection instead of the consideration described in that subsection.

(3) For the purposes of subsections (1)(b) and (2), the Authority may, when ascertaining the reasonable consideration as referred to in those subsections in respect of the carrying out of any construction operations, have regard to all or any of the following matters -

(a) the cost or value ofmaterials used in theconstruction operations;

- (b) the cost or value of time, work and labour involved in the construction operations;
- (c) the equipment used in the construction operations;
- (d) such overhead costs incurred in relation to the construction operations as the Authority considers reasonable;
- (e) the reasonable profit to be expected on the open market in respect of the carrying out of the construction operations;
- (f) any other factors that the Authority considers appropriate.

## 18B. Total value of construction operations

For the purposes of this Part, "total value" (總價値), in relation to construction operations, means -

(a) where the construction operations are carried out

under a construction

contract -

(i) in the case the construction contract is a term contract, the aggregate of the respective values of all construction operations carried out as required by works orders issued under the contract;
(ii) in the case the construction operations are or form part of any

> construction operations that are carried out in

stages, the

aggregate of the

respective values

of all stages of the operations so

carried out; or

(iii) in any other case,

the value of the

construction

operations; or

(b) where the construction operations are not carried out under a construction contract -

(i) in the case the construction operations are or form part of any construction operations that are carried out in stages, the aggregate of the respective values of all stages of the operations so carried out; or
(ii) in any other case, the value of the

construction

operations.

### 18C. Application to construction operations

(1) This Part shall not apply to any construction operations -

- (a) the tender for which was submitted before the commencement of this Part; or
- (b) that began before that commencement.

(2) This Part shall not apply to any

construction operations -

- (a) which are carried out for a person who occupies any domestic premises or part of any domestic premises; and
- (b) the sole or principal purpose of which is to decorate, alter, repair, maintain or renovate the premises or such part of such premises.

(3) This Part shall not apply to any construction operations, or any type or description of construction operations, which are or is excluded from the application of this Part by the Chief Executive in Council by order published in the Gazette.

(4) Without limiting the generality of subsection (3), an order made under that subsection may specify the circumstances under which or the purposes for which any construction operations, or any type or description of construction operations, referred to in the order are or is to be excluded from the application of this Part.

(5) In this section, a person shall be regarded as a person who occupies a domestic premises if he intends to occupy the premises.".

By deleting the clause and substituting -

### "19. Imposition of levy

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(1) A levy at the prescribed rate shall be imposed on the value of all construction operations undertaken or carried out in Hong Kong.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), construction operations the total value of which does not exceed the prescribed amount shall not be liable to the levy. (3) Subject to <u>section 24(8A)</u>, the levy shall be payable in accordance with this Part by every contractor who carries out the construction operations.

(4) The Secretary may by noticepublished in the Gazette -

- (a) prescribe the rate for the purposes of subsection (1);and
- (b) prescribe the amount for the purposes of subsection (2).

(5) Any rate prescribed under

subsection (4)(a) -

- (a) shall not come into effect before the expiration of 28 days after the last day of the period within which a resolution providing for the amendment of the notice may be passed in accordance with section 34 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1); and
- (b) shall not apply to any construction operations if,

before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (a) -

- (i) the tender for the construction operations has been submitted to the employer concerned;
- (ii) no tender for the construction operations has been submitted to the employer concerned, but a construction contract in respect of the construction

operations has been

entered into; or

(iii) no tender for the construction operations has been submitted to the employer concerned and no construction contract in respect of the construction

operations has been

entered into, but

the construction

operations have

begun.".

- 20 By deleting the clause.
- 21 By deleting the clause.
- 22 (a) In the heading, by deleting "works" and substituting "operations".
  - (b) In subclause (1) -
    - (i) by deleting "any construction works" and substituting "any construction operations";
    - (ii) in paragraph (a), by deleting
       "undertaking the construction
       works" and substituting "in
       respect of the construction
       operations";
    - (iii) in paragraph (b), by deleting
       "works" and substituting
       "operations";
      - (iv) by deleting "such a contractor undertaking the construction works

or such an" and substituting "the contractor in respect of the construction operations or the";

(v) by deleting "works, as" and substituting "operations, as".

(c) By deleting subclause (2) and substituting -"(2) Except in the case of a term contract, subsection (1) shall not apply in respect of any construction operations if it is reasonably estimated that the total value of such operations does not exceed the amount prescribed under <u>section 19(4)(b)</u>.".

(d) In subclause (3), by deleting "value of the construction works" and substituting "total value of the construction operations".

(e) By deleting subclause (4) and substituting "(4) A contractor or authorized
 person complies with subsection (1) if
 he -

(a) had given a notice to
 CITA under section 24 of
 the Industrial Training
 (Construction Industry)
 Ordinance (Cap. 317) in
 respect of the

construction operations;

### and

- (b) sent a copy of that notice to the Authority within the period of 14 days, or such further time as the Authority may have allowed, within which he shall give notice under that subsection.".
- (a) In the heading, by deleting "works, etc." and substituting "construction operations".
- (b) In subclause (1) -
  - (i) by deleting "Where" and substituting "Subject to subsection (1A), where";
  - (ii) by deleting "works" wherever it
     appears and substituting
     "operations";
  - (iii) by deleting "being".
- (c) By adding -

"(1A) Where any payment or interim payment is made in any calendar month to a contractor or for his benefit in

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respect of any construction operations that are carried out under a term contract, the contractor shall, within 14 days after the last day of that month or such further time as the Authority may in any case allow, give notice of it to the Authority in the specified form.".

- (d) In subclause (2) -
  - (i) by deleting "works" wherever it
     appears and substituting
     "operations";

(ii) by deleting "being".

(e) By deleting subclause (3) and substituting -

"(3) Except in the case of a term contract, subsections (1) and (2) shall not apply in respect of any construction operations if it is reasonably estimated that the total value of such operations does not exceed the amount prescribed under section 19(4)(b).".

(f) In subclause (4) -

(i) by adding ", (1A)" before "or
 (2)";

(ii) by deleting "works" where it twice appears and substituting "operations".

(g) By deleting subclause (5) and substituting "(5) A contractor or authorized
 person complies with subsection (1),

(1A) or (2) if he -

- (a) had given a notice to
  CITA under section 25 of
  the Industrial Training
  (Construction Industry)
  Ordinance (Cap. 317) in
  respect of the relevant
  payment or completion;
  and
- (b) sent a copy of that notice to the Authority within the period of 14 days, or such further time as the Authority may have allowed, within which he shall give notice under that subsection.".
- (h) In subclause (6), by adding ", (1A)" before
   "or (2)".

- (a) In subclause (1) -
  - (i) by adding "or (1A)" after "23(1)";
  - (ii) by deleting "from the contractor";
  - (iii) by deleting "works" where it twice
     appears and substituting

"operations".

- (b) In subclause (2) -
  - (i) by deleting "to the contractor";
  - (ii) by deleting "works" wherever it
     appears and substituting
     "operations".
- (c) In subclause (3) -
  - (i) by deleting "works" wherever it
     appears and substituting
     "operations";
  - (ii) by deleting "from the contractor".
- (d) In subclause (4), by deleting "works" wherever it appears and substituting "operations".
- (e) By adding -

"(4A) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (2) and (3), where construction operations are carried out under a term contract, the Authority may defer the making of any assessment under

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subsection (1), (2) or (3) until such time as the Authority considers appropriate.".

- (f) In subclauses (5) and (6) -
  - (i) by deleting "from the contractor";
  - (ii) by deleting "works" wherever it
     appears and substituting
     "operations".
- (g) In subclause (7), by deleting "subsection(5)" and substituting "this section and payable by the contractor".
- (h) By deleting subclause (8) and substituting -"(8) Any assessment of levy or imposition of surcharge under this section shall be notified in writing by the Authority.

(8A) A levy or surcharge shall not be payable by a contractor -

> (a) if he has not been notified by the Authority of an assessment of such levy or imposition of such surcharge, as the case may be, under subsection (8); or

(b) to the extent that the levy or surcharge, as the case may be, has been paid by any other contractor unless the levy or surcharge, as the case may be, may be required or ordered to be repaid to that other contractor under section 25(4), 27(4) or 28(4).".

(i) In subclause (9) -

- (i) by deleting "An" and substituting"Subject to subsection (10), an";
- (ii) in paragraph (a), by deleting
   "works" and substituting
   "operations";
- (j) By adding -

"(10) If construction operations are carried out under a term contract, an assessment or surcharge under this section shall be made or imposed within -

- (a) 2 years after the completion of all construction operations to which the contract relates;
- (b) 2 years after the expiration of the period within which all construction operations to which the contract relates have to be completed as provided for by the contract; or
- (c) 1 year after evidence of facts, sufficient in the opinion of the Authority to justify the making of the assessment or the imposition of the surcharge, comes to its knowledge,

whichever is the last to occur.

(11) For the purposes of this section, where the amount of levy due in respect of a stage of any construction operations is assessed under this section, the amount of levy shall be assessed as if such stage of the construction operations separately constitutes construction operations subject to payment of levy under this Ordinance.".

- 25(4) (a) By adding "any levy or surcharge payable under subsection (1), or" after "part of".
  - (b) By adding a comma after "(3)".

29 (a) In subclause (1) -(i) by deleting "any construction works" and substituting "any construction operations"; (ii) in paragraph (a) -(A) by deleting "works" wherever it appears and substituting "operations"; (B) by deleting "being"; (iii) in paragraph (b), by deleting "works" where it twice appears and substituting "operations". (b) In subclause (3) -(i) by adding -

"(aa) to the supply of a copy of personal data in compliance with a data access request under section 18 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486);"; (ii) in paragraph (c), by deleting "works" and substituting "operations".

New By adding -

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## "30A. Levy inspector

The Authority may, subject to the approval of the Secretary, appoint in writing a person to be a levy inspector for the purposes of this Part.".

(a) In subclause (1) -

- (i) in paragraph (d), by deleting "屆滿"and substituting "期滿的";
- (ii) in paragraph (f), by adding "and"
   at the end;

(iii) in paragraph (g) -

(A) by deleting "or (6)";

(B) by deleting "; and " and substituting a full stop;

(iv) by deleting paragraph (h).

- (b) In subclause (2)(a), by deleting "the person with whom he is dealing" and substituting "a person".
- 37 (a) In subclause (4) -
  - (i) by adding ", as at the commencement of this subsection," after "satisfied that";
  - (ii) by deleting "but less than 10 years".
  - In subclause (7), by adding ", as at the (b) commencement of this subsection, " after "satisfied that".
- (a) By adding ", as at the commencement of this 39(2) subsection, " after "satisfied that".
  - By deleting "10 years" and substituting "8 (b) years".
- 42 (a) In subclause (2) -(i) in paragraph (a), by deleting "date of registration or renewal

of registration" and substituting
"relevant date";

- (ii) in paragraph (b), by deleting "42 months after the date of registration or renewal of registration" and substituting "48 months after the relevant date".
- (b) In subclause (6) -
  - (i) in paragraph (a), by adding "and"
     at the end;
  - (ii) in paragraph (b), by deleting "; and" and substituting a full stop;

(iii) by deleting paragraph (c).

(c) By adding -

"(6A) An application under

subsection (5) shall be made -

- (a) not earlier than 3
  months before and not
  later than 7 business
  days before the date of
  expiry of the person's
  registration;
- (b) after the expiry of the period referred to in paragraph (a) but before the date on which the

Registrar gives notice to the person that the Registrar intends to cancel the person's registration under section 47(1)(b); or

(c) in the case where the Registrar has given notice to the person that the Registrar intends to cancel the person's registration under section 47(1)(b), before the expiry of the period of 14 days referred to in section 47(2)(b).".
(d) By deleting subclause (9) and substituting -"(9) In this section -"registration" (註冊) means registration

> under this Ordinance as -(a) a registered skilled worker for a designated trade;

(b) a registered semi-

skilled worker for a

designated trade; or

- (c) a registered general worker,
- and "registered" (註冊) shall be

construed accordingly;

- "relevant date" ( ) means -
  - (a) the date of

registration;

- (b) in the case of an application for renewal of registration made in accordance with subsection (6A)(a), the date on which the registration would have expired but for the renewal;
- (c) in the case of an application for renewal of registration made in accordance with subsection (6A)(b) -(i) the date on
  - which the

registration

would have

expired but

for the

renewal; or

(ii) the date of

renewal of

registration,

whichever is the later; or

(d) in the case of an application for renewal of registration made in accordance with subsection (6A)(c), the date of renewal of registration.".

46	(a)	In subclause (3)(a), by deleting "次承建" and
		substituting "分包".
	(b)	In subclause (8), by deleting "subsection
		(3)" and substituting "subsection (5)".
47	(a)	By deleting subclauses (4) and (6).

(b) In subclause (7) -

(i) by deleting "or suspends";

(ii) by deleting "or suspension".

- (c) By deleting subclause (10).
- (d) In subclause (11), by deleting ", (9) or(10)" and substituting "or (9)".
- Part 6 By deleting the Part.
- 53 (a) By deleting subclause (1) and substituting -

"(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who is the subject of a decision under section 38(1), 39(1), 41(1)(a), 42(1) or 47(1) may appeal against the decision by serving the Authority, within 4 weeks after the decision, a notice of appeal stating the substance of the matter and reasons for the appeal.".

(b) In subclause (2), by deleting "of the Registrar under subsection (1)(b)" and substituting "under subsection (1)".

54 (a) In subclause (1) -

(i) by deleting "The Secretary" and substituting "Subject to subsection (2), the Secretary"; (ii) by deleting paragraphs (d), (e),

(f) and (g) and substituting -

- "(d) not less than 10 are persons, each of whom is, in the opinion of the Secretary, a person from a contractor in the construction industry in Hong Kong; and
  - (e) not less than 10 are persons, each of whom is, in the opinion of the Secretary, a person from a trade union, registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 332), that represents workers in the construction industry in Hong Kong.".
- (b) By deleting subclause (2)(d).
- (c) In subclause (5)(a), by deleting ", a member of the Complaints Committee".

56(1)(b)(i) By deleting "or order".

By adding -

"(3) In this section, "legal practitioner" (法律執業者) means counsel or a solicitor who holds a current practising certificate.".

58(3)(a) By deleting "or order" wherever it appears.

- 59 (a) In subclauses (1), (3)(b) and (4)(a), by deleting "程" wherever it appears and substituting "作".
  - (b) In subclause (7)(a)(ii)(A), by deleting "次承
     建" and substituting "分包".
  - (c) In subcaluse (9)(b), by deleting "造工程" and substituting "造工作".
- 60 By deleting the clause.
- 61 (a) In the heading, by deleting "and of failure to attend inquiries or hearing as witness, etc." and substituting ", of failure to attend as witness and of obstructing authorized officers, etc.".

(b) In subclause (1) -

(i) by adding before paragraph (a) -

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"(aa) a requirement made to
the person under section
17C(1)(d)(i), (e)(i)(A)
or (f);";
(ii) by deleting paragraph (b).
(c) In subclause (2) -
(i) in paragraph (a), by deleting "by
the Complaints Committee to attend
an inquiry or";
(ii) in paragraph (b) -
(A) by deleting "an inquiry
before the Complaints
Committee, or";
(B) by deleting ", as" and
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- substituting "as";
- (C) by deleting "Committee or".

(d) By adding -

"(3) A person who -

(a) without reasonable
 excuse, resists,
 obstructs or delays an
 authorized officer who
 is performing or
 exercising, or
 attempting to perform or
 exercise, a function or

power under this
Ordinance;

- (b) without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a requirement made to the person under section 17C(1)(d)(i), (e)(i) or (f);
- (c) without reasonable excuse, prevents, or attempts to prevent, another person from assisting an authorized officer in the performance or exercise of the officer's functions or powers under this Ordinance; or
- (d) directly or indirectly, intimidates or threatens an authorized officer or person assisting such an officer in the performance or exercise of the officer's

functions or powers under this Ordinance, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3.".

New By adding -

## "61A. Prosecution may be brought in Authority's name

Without prejudice to any Ordinance relating to the prosecution of criminal offences or to the powers of the Secretary for Justice in relation to the prosecution of criminal offences, a prosecution for an offence under this Ordinance may be -

- (a) brought in the name of theAuthority; and
- (b) commenced and conducted by a member or employee of the Authority authorized in that behalf in writing by the Authority.".

63(5)(a) By deleting "complaint,".

64(1) By deleting paragraph (b).

- 66 By deleting "Schedules" and substituting "Schedule".
- Schedule 1 (a) By deleting ", 49 & 66]" and substituting "& 66]".
  - (b) In Part 1 -
    - (i) in item 8 -
      - (A) in column 1, by deleting "淸拆"
        and substituting "拆卸";
      - (B) in column 2, by deleting "清
        拆、拆卸" and substituting "拆
        卸、拆除";
      - (C) in column 3, by deleting "淸拆"
        and substituting "拆卸";
    - (ii) in item 9 -
      - (A) in column 1, by deleting "淸拆
         工(違例建築物)" and substituting
         "拆卸工(違例建築工程)";
      - (B) in column 2 -
        - (I) by deleting "building works carried out" and substituting "buildings erected, or building works carried out,";

- (II) by deleting "清拆、拆卸"
  and substituting "拆卸、拆
  除";
- (C) in column 3, by deleting "清拆 工(違例建築物)" and substituting "拆卸工(違例建築工程)";
- (iii) in item 10, in column 2, in
  paragraph (a), by deleting "清拆"
  and substituting "拆卸";
  - (iv) in item 11, in column 4, by adding
     "for Grade A, B, C or H electrical
     work" after "worker";
  - (v) in item 12, in column 1, by deleting "機械";
- (vi) in item 15, in column 2, by deleting "supply systems" and substituting "fittings";
- (vii) in item 17, in column 1, by deleting "機械";

(viii) in item 30 -

(A) in column 1, by deleting
 "(Demolition)" and
 substituting "(Demolition) Excavator";

- (B) in column 2, by deleting everything after "operate" and substituting "excavators to demolish, dismantle and remove buildings or structures, or any part thereof";
- (C) by deleting column 3 and substituting -

"Not applicable";

- (D) by deleting column 4 and substituting -
  - "Both of the following -
    - (a) trade test

certificate for

Plant and Equipment

Operator

(Demolition) -

Excavator issued by

CITA; and

(b) certificate as defined in section

2(1) of the

Factories and

Industrial

Undertakings

(Loadshifting

Machinery)

- Regulation (Cap. 59 sub. leg.) and applicable to excavators";
- (ix) in item 45, in columns 1, 2 and 4, by adding "起重機" after "吊臂";
  - (x) in item 53, in column 2, by
     deleting everything after "貨車"
     and substituting "在建造工地範圍內運送
     建造物料、建築碎料或挖掘出來的沙石,或將
     該等物料、碎料或沙石運入或運出建造工地";

(xi) by adding -

"53A.	Truck	To drive medium	Not	Full driving
	Driver	goods vehicles	applicable	licence within
	(Medium	within the meaning		the meaning of
	goods	of section 2 of the		the Road
	vehicles)	Road Traffic		Traffic
		Ordinance (Cap. 374)		(Driving
		to transport		Licences)
		construction		Regulations
		materials, building		(Cap. 374 sub.
		debris or excavated		leg.) to drive
		materials within,		a medium goods

into or out of vehicle";
 "
construction sites

- (xii) in item 54, in column 2, by
   deleting everything after "車輛"
   and substituting "在建造工地範圍內運送
   建造物料、建築碎料或挖掘出來的沙石,或將
   該等物料、碎料或沙石運入或運出建造工地";
- (xiii) in item 55, in column 2, by deleting "程" and substituting "作".
- (c) In Part 2 -
  - (i) in item 1, in column 2, by deleting ", and" and substituting "and in";
  - (ii) in item 4, in column 2 -
    - (A) by adding ", maintain and repair" after "install";
    - (B) by deleting "and access control systems" and substituting ", access control systems, and building control and monitoring systems";

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(iii) in item 7, in column 2, by
  deleting everything after "wiring
  systems," and substituting
  "private automatic branch exchange
  systems, intercom systems, in-
  building coaxial cable
  distribution systems, and other
  wired or wireless signal
  transmission and reception
  systems";
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- (iv) in item 13, in columns 1, 3 and 5, by deleting "器" and substituting "氣";
  - (v) in item 21, in column 2, by deleting "building foundations" and substituting "underground caissons";
- (vi) in item 27, in column 2, by
  deleting "拆卸" and substituting
  "拆除";
- (vii) in item 31, in column 1, paragraph
   (a) of column 3 and column 5, by
   deleting "匠" and substituting "工";

(viii) in item 33 -

(A) in column 2 -

- (I) by adding "用於" after
  "修理";
- (II) in paragraph (a), by
  deleting "用於";
- (B) by deleting column 3 and

substituting -

"Either one of the

following -

(a) trade certificate

for

Refrigeration/Air-

conditioning/

Ventilation

Mechanic

(Electrical

Control) issued by

- VTC; or
- (b) certificate of registration as an electrical worker issued under section 30 of the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406) on which the

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Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services specifies that the holder is entitled to do electrical work on an airconditioning installation";

- (ix) in item 36 -
  - (A) in column 1, by deleting "and Refrigerant";
  - (B) in column 2, by deleting everything after "water" and substituting "systems for air-conditioning systems (including air-handling and water condensing equipment)";
  - (C) in columns 3 and 5, by deleting "and Refrigerant".
- (d) In Part 3 -
  - (i) in item 1, in columns 1 and 3, bydeleting "髹" and substituting "油";
  - (ii) in item 2, in column 2, by adding
    "(工人較)" after "機".

- Schedule 4
- (a) By deleting "14, 16 & 66]" and substituting"16 & 66]".
- (b) In section 2(2), by deleting "9" and substituting "10".
- (c) In section 8(4)(a), by deleting "a member of the Complaints Committee,".
- (d) By deleting Part 4.
- (e) In section 14(4)(a), by deleting ", a member of the Complaints Committee".