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CONSTRUCTION WORKERS REGISTRATION BILL

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COMMITTEE STAGE

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

Clause

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 "17A(1)".
- (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 "17B and
 17C";
 - (ii) in the Chinese text -
 - (A) by deleting "建造工程或" wherever it appears;
 - (B) in paragraph (a), by deleting ""建浩工程"、".
- (d) In the definition of "construction work" -
 - (i) by deleting "建造工程、";

- (ii) by deleting ", except in relation
 to Part 4";
- (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 -

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- ""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
 "指害";
- e) In subclause (7), by deleting "has" where it twice appears and substituting "had".

- (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".
- 8 (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) -

- (i) by deleting "12" and substituting
 "13";
- - "(ii) 2 persons, each of whom
 is, in the opinion of
 the Authority, a person
 from a training
 institute in 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.

- "(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 police officers or other persons, or both, as the authorized officer thinks fit.

17B. Powers of authorized officers to enter construction site

(1) Where a warrant has been issued
under subsection (2) in respect of a
construction 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, 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 this
 Ordinance is being or has
 been committed on the site;
 or
- (b) there is on the site anything that is or contains evidence of the commission of an offence under this Ordinance.
- (3) A warrant issued under subsection(2) continues in force until -
 - (a) the expiration of 1 month
 after the date of its issue;
 or
 - (b) 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 on the
 site anything that
 is or contains
 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 section
 17B(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 site
 or of any plant, equipment or
 substance found on the site;
 - (d) require any person found on
 the site -
 - (i) to state whether he
 is a registered
 construction
 worker; 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) on informing the
 person of the
 person's act or
 omission that
 constitutes the
 offence, require
 the person -
 - (A) to give to the officer the person's name, address and telephone number 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) subject to subsection (2),
 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 shall not exercise the power under subsection (1)(f) unless he reasonably believes that the person has the information.
- (3) An authorized officer may, in
 relation to anything that the officer
 seizes, detains or removes from a
 construction site under section 17B(1)(d) -
 - (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.
 - (4) 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.".
- 18 (a) In the heading, by deleting "and application".
 - (b) In subclause (1) -
 - (i) by deleting the definition of
 "construction works" and
 substituting -
 - 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);";

""construction operations" (建

(ii) by deleting the definition of
 "value" and substituting -

""value" (價値), 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 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" (徵款督察)

means a person who is

appointed under section

30A;

"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" (總價値), in relation to construction operations, has the meaning assigned to it in section 18B;

"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
- or (ii) where the firstmentioned 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

firstmentioned
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 construction
 operations, 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 of
 materials used in the
 construction 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 -

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"19. Imposition of levy

(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 notice published 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

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".
- (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) -

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- (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 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) -

 - (ii) by deleting "works" where it twice
 appears and substituting
 "operations".
- - (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)".
- 24 (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

 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";
- (iii) in paragraph (b), by adding a
 comma after "surcharge".
- (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)".
 - (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 -

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.".

- 35 (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".

- (b) In subclause (7), by adding ", as at the commencement of this subsection," after "satisfied that".
- 39(2) (a) By adding ", as at the commencement of this subsection," after "satisfied that".
 - (b) By deleting "10 years" and substituting "8 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).".

- - "registration" (註冊) means registration under this Ordinance as -
 - (a) a registered skilled
 worker for a designated
 trade;
 - (b) a registered semiskilled 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
- (d) in the case of an
 application for renewal
 of registration made in
 accordance with
 subsection (6A)(c), the

date of renewal of registration.".

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- (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)".

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- (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).

Part 6 By deleting the Part.

52

- (a) In subclause (1), by adding "on" after
 "serving".
- (b) In subclause (6), by adding "of" after
 "review".

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 under section 38(1), 39(1), 41(1)(a), 42(1) or 47(1) may appeal against the decision by serving on the Authority 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)".
- (c) In subclause (3), by deleting "the Authority,
 within 3 business days after the decision,"
 and substituting "on the Authority".
- (d) In subclause (4) -
 - (i) in paragraph (a), by deleting
 "and";
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), by deleting the
 full stop and substituting ";
 and";
 - (iii) by adding -
 - "(c) served on the

 Authority -
 - (i) in the case of
 an appeal
 against a
 decision under
 subsection (1),

within 2 weeks after the Review Committee notifies the person under section 52(6) of its recommendation, and the reasons for the recommendation, in respect of his request for review of the decision; or (ii) in the case of an appeal against a decision under subsection (3), within 3 business days after the decision.".

- (a) In subclause (1) -
 - (i) by deleting "The Secretary" and
 substituting "Subject to
 subsection (2), the Secretary";
 - - "(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) By deleting subclause (3) and substituting -

- "(3) An appointment under subsection (1) shall be notified in the Gazette.
- (3A) A member of the Appeal Board panel shall be appointed for a term of not more than 3 years.".
- (d) In subclause (5)(a), by deleting ", a member
 of the Complaints Committee".
- 55(2) By deleting everything after "of 5" and substituting -

"members, of whom -

- (a) not more than 2 are selected
 in rotation from the members
 of the Appeal Board panel
 specified in section
 54(1)(a), (b) and (c);
- (b) not more than 2 are selected
 in rotation from the members
 of the Appeal Board panel
 specified in section
 54(1)(d); and
- (c) not more than 2 are selected
 in rotation from the members
 of the Appeal Board panel

specified in section 54(1)(e).".

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

57 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.
- (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".
- 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) "(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
 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);
- 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 in

the performance or
exercise of the
officer's functions or
powers under this
Ordinance, or a person
assisting such an
officer,

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 the Authority; 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).
- 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 "清拆工(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 "淸拆" 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

(b) certificate as

CITA; and

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 within the meaning (Medium the meaning of of section 2 of the the Road goods 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";

- (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";
 - (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";

- (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
- (b) certificate of
 registration as an
 electrical worker

VTC; or

issued under

section 30 of the

Electricity

Ordinance (Cap.

406) on which the

Director of

Electrical and

Mechanical Services

specifies that the

holder is entitled

to do electrical

work on an air
conditioning

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, by deleting "髹" and substituting "油";
- (ii) in item 2, in column 2, by adding "(工人粒)" 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".