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**Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (Cap. 226)
Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 2003 (6 of 2003) (Commencement)
Notice 2003 (L. N. 109)**

This Notice appoints 1 July 2003 as the day on which the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 2003 (6 of 2003) will come into operation.

2. The Amendment Ordinance, which was passed by the Legislative Council on 12 March 2003, implements the recommendation of the Law Reform Commission to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility from seven to 10 years of age. It also introduces consequential amendments to the Reformatory Schools Ordinance (Cap. 225). The Amendment Ordinance further provides that no prosecution will be instituted against a child in respect of an offence committed by him before the commencement of the Amendment Ordinance if at the time the offence was committed the child was of an age that, had the offence been committed after that commencement, he would not be liable to prosecution for that offence.

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