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Subcommittee on
Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles)
(Amendment) (No 2) Regulation 2002 and
Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2002

Meeting on
Tuesday, 5 November 2002, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP (Chairman)
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Member absent : Hon LI Fung-ying, JP

Public Officers attending : Environment, Transport and Works Bureau

Ms Margaret FONG
Deputy Secretary for the Environment, Transport and
Works (Transport and Works)

Mrs Sharon YIP
Principle Secretary for the Environment, Transport and
Works (Transport and Works)

Transport Department

Mr Brian GROGAN
Assistant Commissioner for Transport/Planning

Mr LEUNG Tak-fai
Chief Engineer/Road Safety and Standards Division

Mr KONG Kwok-kwan
Chief Transport Officer/New Territories

Mr LI Ying-ming
Senior Engineer/Vehicle Examination Division

Department of Justice

Mr Allen LAI
Senior Government Counsel

Clerk in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Miss Monna LAI
Assistant Legal Adviser 7

Mrs Queenie YU
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)6

Action

I Election of Chairman

2. Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Subcommittee, presided at the election of Chairman. Mr LEUNG Fu-wah was nominated by Mr CHAN Kwok-keung and the nomination was seconded by Mr HUI Cheung-ching. Mr LEUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr LEUNG Fu-wah was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee. He then took over the chair.

II Meeting with the Administration

(Ref: ETWB(T)CR 6/3231/00 Pt 3 - Legislative Council Brief
LC Paper No. LS7/02-03 - Legal Service Division Report)

Information papers tabled at the meeting

LC Paper No. CB(1)220/02-03(01) - Marked-up copy of the Road
Traffic (Construction and
Maintenance of Vehicles)
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation

2002

LC Paper No. CB(1)220/02-03(02) - Marked-up copy of the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2002

Other background information

(LC Paper No. CB(1)808/00-01 - Minutes of meeting of the Transport Panel held on 19.1.2001)

3. The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex A**)

4. The Subcommittee supported the proposed extension of seat belt legislation to rear seats of public light buses (PLBs) and the provision of high back seats for interior impact protection as a safety enhancement package for new PLBs. The Subcommittee also noted that the Administration had consulted the vehicle suppliers and the PLB trade on the proposals and had taken into account their views in finalizing the legislative proposals.

5. The Subcommittee agreed to report its deliberations to the House Committee on 8 November 2002. The Subcommittee would not move any amendments to the Regulations.

III Any other business

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:50 am.

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26 November 2002

**Proceedings of the meeting of the Subcommittee on
Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles)
(Amendment) (No 2) Regulation 2002 and
Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2002**

**Tuesday, 5 November 2002, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I - Election of Chairman</i>			
000000-000155	Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan	- Election of Chairman	
<i>Agenda Item II - Meeting with the Administration</i>			
000156-000254	Chairman	- Welcoming and introductory remarks	
000255-000950	Admin	- Briefing by the Administration including concerns raised by the trade during consultation	
000951-001345	Chairman Mr HUI Cheung-ching Admin	- Measures to help reduce accident rate against speeding by public light bus (PLB) - Objection views received by the Administration - Consultation with red minibus (RMB) and green minibus (GMB) trade associations - Relaxation of maximum gross vehicle weight	
001346-002040	Chairman Mr CHENG Kar-foo Admin	- Progress on the installation of speed display device on PLBs especially overnight GMBs - Estimated time required to replace all existing PLBs and incentives for owners/drivers to speed up the process - Installation of speed enforcement cameras and red light cameras - Responsibility of wearing seat belts including front seat passengers under the age of 15	
002041-002417	Mr CHENG Kar-foo Admin	- Proposed mandatory installation of speed display device on PLBs - Supply of new models of speed display devices - Consultation with RMB trade associations on the proposal	The Administration undertook to consider the suggestion to make it a mandatory requirement for new PLBs to install speed display device
002418-002845	Chairman	- Impact of the proposed seat belt	

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	Mr CHAN Kwok-keung Admin	Regulations on passengers and drivers of PLBs - Basis of the calculation of the one-off grant for owners of diesel PLBs to replace liquefied petroleum vehicles - Extension of the proposed seat belt Regulations to buses	
002846-003710	Chairman Ms Miriam LAU Admin	- Legal responsibility of wearing seat belts by passengers on PLBs - Maintenance of seat belts on PLBs and offence for non-compliance by owners and drivers of PLBs - Monitoring by the Government through annual renewal of vehicle licence - Seat belt arrangement for taxis and maintenance requirements - Publicity on the role played by passengers and the trade	
003711-004132	Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan Admin	- Safety measures for school transport vehicles	
004133-004246	Chairman Admin	- Arrangement for child under the age of 2	
004247-005050	Chairman ALA7 Admin Ms Miriam LAU	- Clause 6C(2) of the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2002 - Legal responsibility of owners and drivers of PLBs on malfunctioning of seat belts - Offence for non-compliance of the requirement stipulated in Section 121(1) of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations - Rationale for making amendments to the two Regulations in question to achieve the desired result	
005051-005411	Chairman Admin Mr CHAN Kwok-keung	- Seat belts used in taxis - Standards and specifications of seat belts to be used in PLBs (2-point lap belts) - Effective retractable belts adopted in overseas countries - Width of seats in PLBs	
005412-005942	Chairman Admin Ms Miriam LAU	- Further consultation with drivers of PLB associations including The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	The administration undertook to liaise with the THKFTU for

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		(THKFTU)	further views
005943-010121	Chairman Ms Miriam LAU Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan	- Way forward	
010122-010726	Chairman Admin Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan	- Clause-by-clause examination of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulation 2002	
010727-011529	Chairman Admin	- Clause-by-clause examination of the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2002	
011530-011724	Chairman Clerk Ms Miriam LAU	- Deadline for moving amendments to the Subsidiary Legislations in question - Report to the House Committee	
<i>Agenda Item III - Any other business</i>			
011725-011730	Chairman	Closing remarks	