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(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 20 of the Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance (Cap. 368))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 10 July 2009.

2. Interpretation

- (1) Regulation 2(1) of the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A) is amended, in the definition of "autotoll booth", by repealing "equipped with an automatic toll collection facility approved by the Authority under regulation 12A" and substituting "designated as an autotoll booth under regulation 12A(2)".
- (2) Regulation 2(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the Second Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 2".
- (3) Regulation 2(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the Second Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 2".

3. Prescribed signs and road markings

- (1) Regulation 3(1)(a) is amended by repealing "and 14" and substituting ", 14 and 14A".
- (2) Regulation 3(1)(a) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".
- (3) Regulation 3(1A) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".
- (4) Regulation 3(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".
- (5) Regulation 3(4) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".
- (6) Regulation 3(5) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".
 - (7) Regulation 3(6)(a) is amended by adding ", 14A" after "14".
- (8) Regulation 3(6)(a) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".

4. General prohibitions

Regulation 10(a) is amended by repealing "motor tricycle,".

5. Tolls

Regulation 12(1) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the Second Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 2".

6. Automatic toll collection facilities

- (1) Regulation 12A(2) is repealed and the following substituted—
 - "(2) The Authority, or an operator with the approval of the Authority, may designate a toll booth at which an automatic toll collection facility is installed under subsection (1) as an autotoll booth—
 - (a) by displaying above a traffic lane that leads to the toll booth a traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 14 prescribed in Schedule 1; or
 - (b) by displaying at the side of the toll booth a traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 14A prescribed in Schedule 1.".
- (2) Regulation 12A(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".
- (3) Regulation 12A(3) is amended, in the Chinese text, by repealing "所示的類型" and substituting "所示類型".

7. Fee for removal of vehicles etc. causing obstruction

Regulation 13 is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the Second Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 2".

8. Vehicles requiring permits

Regulation 14(5) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the Second Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 2".

9. Offences and penalties

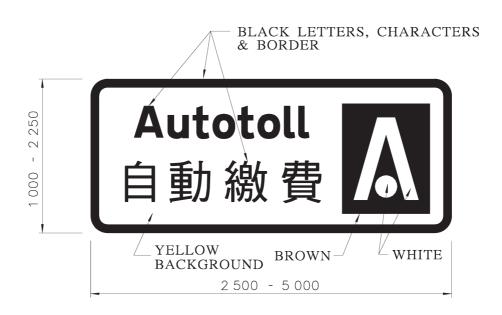
- (1) Regulation 18(2) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".
 - (2) Regulation 18(3) is amended by adding ", 14A" after "14".

(3) Regulation 18(3) is amended, in the English text, by repealing "the First Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 1".

10. Signs

- (1) The First Schedule is amended, in the English text, by repealing "FIRST SCHEDULE" and substituting "SCHEDULE 1".
 - (2) Schedule 1 is amended by repealing Figure No. 14 and substituting—

"FIGURE NO. 14

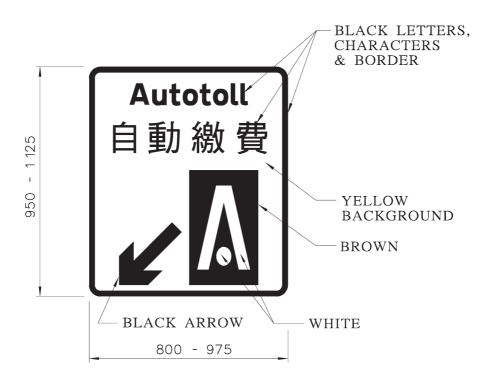


TRAFFIC LANE (AUTOTOLL ONLY)

THIS SIGN IS DISPLAYED ABOVE A TRAFFIC LANE THAT LEADS TO AN AUTOTOLL BOOTH. IT INDICATES THAT ONLY A VEHICLE WITH A VALID ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS THE ACCOUNT OF WHICH IS OPENED IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE MAY PROCEED IN THE TRAFFIC LANE.".

(3) Schedule 1 is amended by adding—

"FIGURE NO. 14A



AUTOTOLL BOOTH

WHEN THIS SIGN IS DISPLAYED AT THE SIDE OF A TOLL BOOTH IT INDICATES THAT THE TOLL BOOTH IS AN AUTOTOLL BOOTH. IT MAY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SIGN IN FIGURE NO. 14 AND IT INDICATES THAT ONLY A VEHICLE WITH A VALID ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS THE ACCOUNT OF WHICH IS OPENED IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE MAY PASS THROUGH THE AUTOTOLL BOOTH.".

11. Tolls and Fees

- (1) The Second Schedule is amended, in the English text, by repealing "SECOND SCHEDULE" and substituting "SCHEDULE 2".
- (2) Schedule 2 is amended, in item 1 of the table of Removal Fee, by repealing "and motor cycles" and substituting ", motor cycles and motor tricycles".

12. Transitional provision

During the period of 12 months after the commencement of this Regulation, a traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 14 prescribed in the First Schedule to the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A) ("principal Regulations") as in force immediately before the commencement of this Regulation and erected at any time before that commencement is to be treated as a traffic sign of the type shown in Figure No. 14 prescribed in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations as amended by this Regulation.

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Clerk to the Executive Council

Council Chamber 12 May 2009

Explanatory Note

The purposes of this Regulation are to amend the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A) to—

- (a) allow motor tricycles to use Government road tunnels; and
- (b) adopt new and standardized autotoll booth signs in Government road tunnels as part of the standardization programme launched by the Transport Department to standardize the signs for autotoll booths at various tolled tunnels and bridges in Hong Kong.