

L.N. 104 of 2009**TSING MA CONTROL AREA (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATION 2009**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 27(2)
of the Tsing Ma Control Area Ordinance (Cap. 498))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 10 July 2009.

2. Interpretation

(1) Section 1 of the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation (Cap. 498 sub. leg. B) is amended, in the definition of “autotoll booth”, by repealing “has the same meaning as in the Tolls Regulation” and substituting “means a toll booth designated as an autotoll booth under section 20(2)”.

(2) Section 1 is amended by adding—

““agent” (代理人), in relation to the collection of tolls, means an agent appointed by the Commissioner or an operator, to carry out administrative work relating to automatic toll collection within the Area;

“bus” (巴士) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

“heavy goods vehicle” (重型貨車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

“medium goods vehicle” (中型貨車) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);

“middle lane” (中間行車綫) means any lane between the nearside lane and the right most lane (in relation to the direction of traffic) in any road within the Area;”.

3. Section substituted

Section 15 is repealed and the following substituted—

“15. Control of use of lanes in tunnels

(1) A person must not drive any of the following vehicles in the right most lane or middle lane of the tunnel—

(a) a bus;

- (b) a vehicle towing another vehicle;
- (c) a vehicle in respect of which a permit is required under section 22.

(2) A person must not drive a medium goods vehicle or a heavy goods vehicle in the right most lane of the tunnel.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a vehicle that is also within the description of subsection (1)(b) or (c).”.

4. Automatic toll collection facilities

Section 20(2) is repealed and the following substituted—

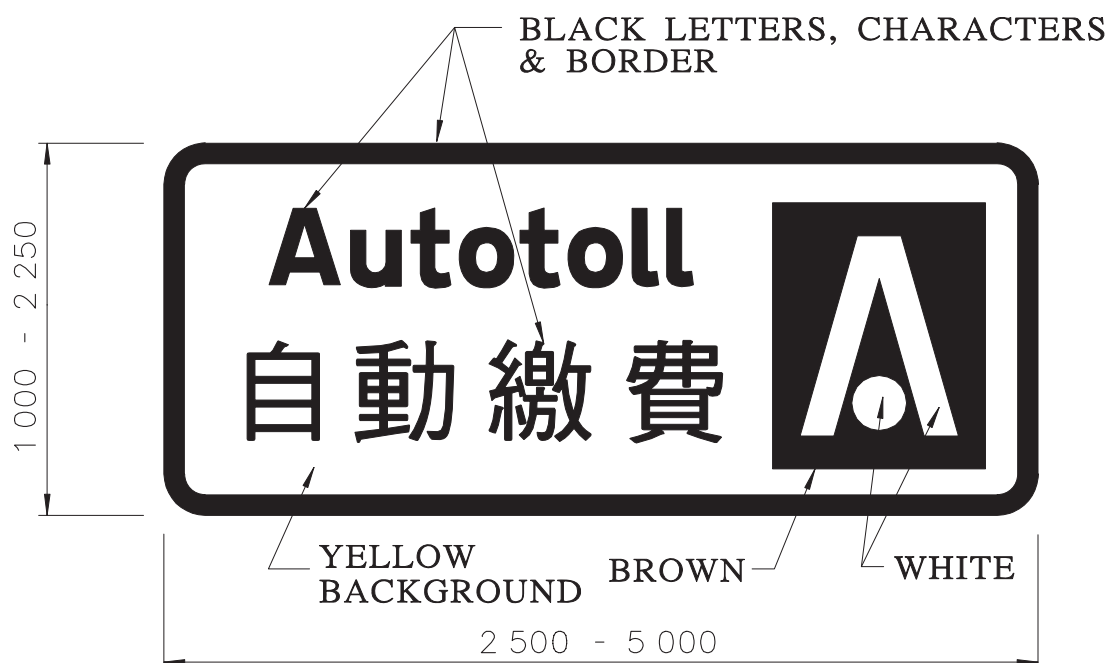
“(2) The Commissioner, or an operator with the approval of the Commissioner, may designate a toll booth at which an automatic toll collection facility is installed under subsection (1)(a) as an autotoll booth—

- (a) by displaying above a lane that leads to the toll booth a traffic sign shown as Figure No. 10 in Schedule 1; or
- (b) by displaying at the side of the toll booth a traffic sign shown as Figure No. 10A in Schedule 1.”.

5. Traffic signs and light signals

(1) Schedule 1 is amended by repealing Figure No. 10 and substituting—

“FIGURE NO. 10

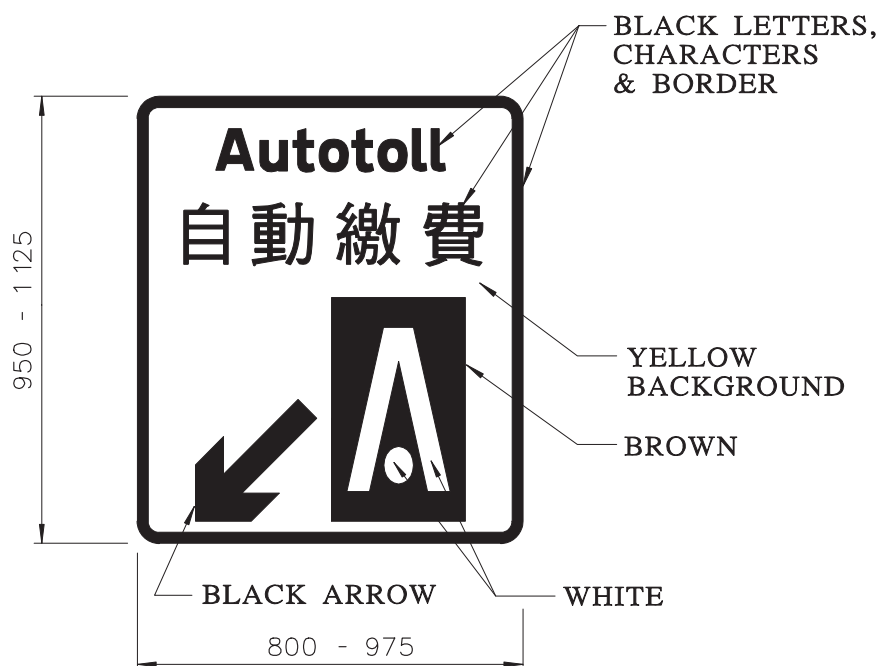


TRAFFIC LANE (AUTOTOLL ONLY)

THIS SIGN IS DISPLAYED ABOVE A 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 LANE.”.

(2) Schedule 1 is amended by adding—

“FIGURE NO. 10A



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. 10 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.”.

(3) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 11, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” and substituting “LANE”.

(4) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 11, in paragraph (a), by repealing “ELECTRONIC PASS” and substituting “ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS”.

(5) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 12, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” and substituting “LANE”.

(6) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 12, by repealing “ELECTRONIC PASS” where it twice appears and substituting “ELECTRONIC TOLL PASS”.

(7) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 14, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” wherever it appears and substituting “LANE”.

(8) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 19, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” and substituting “LANE”.

(9) Schedule 1 is amended, in the English text, in Figure No. 21, by repealing “TRAFFIC LANE” where it twice appears and substituting “LANE”.

(10) Schedule 1 is amended by adding—

“FIGURE NO. 29



KEEP TO NEARSIDE LANE OR MIDDLE LANE OF TUNNEL

THIS SIGN INDICATES THAT MEDIUM GOODS VEHICLES AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES MUST KEEP TO THE NEARSIDE LANE OR THE MIDDLE LANE OF THE TUNNEL.

FIGURE NO. 30



KEEP TO NEARSIDE LANE OF TUNNEL

THIS SIGN INDICATES THAT BUSES MUST KEEP TO THE NEARSIDE LANE OF THE TUNNEL.

THE WORD AND CHARACTERS "BUSES" AND "巴士" MAY BE REPLACED BY ANY DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLES TO INDICATE THAT THOSE VEHICLES MUST KEEP TO THE NEARSIDE LANE OF THE TUNNEL."

6. Transitional provision

During the period of 12 months after the commencement of this Regulation, a traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown as Figure No. 10 in Schedule 1 to the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation (Cap. 498 sub. leg. B) ("principal Regulation") 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 size, colour and type shown as Figure No. 10 in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulation as amended by this Regulation.

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Explanatory Note

The purposes of this Regulation are to amend the Tsing Ma Control Area (General) Regulation (Cap. 498 sub. leg. B) to—

- (a) allow medium goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles to use the nearside lane or middle lane of the tunnel; and
- (b) adopt new and standardized autotoll booth signs and other signs in the Tsing Ma Control Area 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.