

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap 374)

Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) (Amendment) Notice 2013

INTRODUCTION

The Airport Authority, with the approval of the Commissioner for Transport, has made a notice to update the prohibited and restricted zones in the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) Notice (Cap 374 sub. leg. U) under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap 374).

BACKGROUND

2. Regulation 14(1) of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap 374 sub. leg. G), as modified by section 1 of Part V of Schedule 2 to the Airport Authority Bylaw (Cap 483 sub. leg. A), provides that the Airport Authority with the approval of the Commissioner for Transport may, by notice in the Gazette, designate any area as a prohibition zone or a restricted zone.

3. The Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) Notice (Cap 374 sub. leg. U) was last amended by the Airport Authority with the approval of the Commissioner for Transport by way of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones)(Amendment) Notice 2008 (L.N. 230 of 2008). In the light of the development of new roads and operational needs at the Hong Kong International Airport, it is necessary to update the prohibited and restricted zones at the airport.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Prohibited Zones

4. The following amendments are made to the prohibited zones as stipulated in Schedule 1 to Cap 374 sub. leg. U –

- (a) the bus terminus as mentioned in column 1 of item 1(b) is expanded to provide five additional pick-up bays and a staging area to cope with the growing passenger demand;
- (b) bus stop loop on Catering Road East is added in column 1 after item 1(f) to ensure smooth bus operation;
- (c) item 2(c) is repealed as the former Tour Coach Station has become part of the expanded bus terminus as mentioned in paragraph 4(a) above;
- (d) the Coach and Limousine Staging Area as mentioned in column 1 of item 2(o) is expanded to include 143 coach staging spaces and 70 limousine staging spaces due to the co-location of the coach and cross-boundary limousine service at Terminal 2;
- (e) the access road linking Sky City Road to CLP Power Hong Kong Ltd. Sky City Road Substation near Airport North Interchange is added in column 1 after item 2(o) to restrict the usage of the access road of the newly developed Sky City Road Substation to maintenance traffic only;
- (f) the plan showing all the designated roads as mentioned in column 1 of item 3 is updated as a result of the developments of the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZMB) and the Cathay Pacific Cargo Terminal; and
- (g) the plan showing Car Park No. 2 as mentioned in column 1 of item 7(b) is updated as Car Park No. 2 has been expanded to provide more than 1 000 parking spaces to cope with the growing passenger demand.

Restricted Zones

5. The following amendments are made to the restricted zones stipulated in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to Cap 374 sub. leg. U –

- (a) item 1(b) is amended to extend the western kerbside lane of the eastern carriageway of Cheong Hong Road from 350 meters to 405 meters to facilitate taxi and private car passenger drop-off at Cheong Hong Road in view of the growing passenger demand;
- (b) item 1(e) is amended as a portion of the South Perimeter Road has been resumed by the Government for the works of HZMB and hence should be removed from the Restricted Zones under the Airport Authority;
- (c) item 1(f) is amended as the eastern kerbside lane of East Coast Road has been resumed by the Government for the works of HZMB and hence should be removed from the Restricted Zones under the Airport Authority;
- (d) item 1(q) is amended as a portion of the Chek Lap Kok South Road has been resumed by the Government for the works of HZMB and hence should be removed from the Restricted Zones under the Airport Authority;
- (e) the plan showing the section of Chun Wan Road North as mentioned in column 1 of item 1(s) is updated as this road section has been re-aligned due to the development of the Cathay Pacific Cargo Terminal;
- (f) item 1(u) is repealed because the former Tour Coach Station has become part of the expanded bus terminus as mentioned in paragraph 4(a) above and hence is not required to be designated as Restricted Zones;
- (g) the access road linking Sky Plaza Road Central to Coach Station at Terminal 2, adjacent to Sky Plaza Drive, and the segregated left turning lane near Airport South Interchange linking the eastbound carriageway of Cheong Lin Road to the northbound carriageway of Airport Road are respectively added in column 1 after item 1(zn) to avoid traffic blockage and ensure smooth traffic flow at

the key traffic circulation interchange at the airport;

- (h) the access road from egress of AA Staff Car Park to Sky Plaza Road Central is added to column 1 after item 4(d) to prevent illegal pick-up and drop-off activities which may block the operation of the car park;
- (i) item 5(a) is amended to extend the western kerbside lane of the eastern carriageway of Cheong Hong Road from 350 meters to 405 meters to facilitate taxi and private car passenger drop-off at Cheong Hong Road in view of the growing passenger demand;
- (j) item 6 is amended as a portion of the Tung Fai Road has been resumed by the Government for the works of HZMB and hence should be removed from the Restricted Zones under the Airport Authority

TIMETABLE

6. The notice was gazetted on 22 March 2013 and tabled at the Legislative Council on 27 March 2013.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

7. The proposed amendments are in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights, and have no economic, financial, civil service, environmental or sustainability implications. The proposed amendments will not affect the current binding effect of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) Notice (Cap 374 sub. leg. U).

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

8. Given the operational and technical nature of the proposed amendments, public consultation would not be necessary for this exercise.

PUBLICILITY

9. The Airport Authority will issue a press release when the notice comes into effect on 15 May 2013.

ENQUIRIES

10. For enquiries on the brief, please contact Ms Candy Nip, Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport) at 3509 8194.

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