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**Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles)
(Amendment) Regulation 2014**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 9 of
the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2014.

**2. Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles)
Regulations amended**

The Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles)
Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in
sections 3 and 4.

3. Regulation 2 amended (interpretation)

(1) Regulation 2, definition of *overall length*, paragraph (d)—

Repeal

“and”.

(2) Regulation 2, definition of *overall length*, paragraph (e)—

Repeal

“lamp,”

Substitute

“lamp; and”.

(3) Regulation 2, definition of *overall length*, after paragraph
(e)—

Add

“(f) any camera unit of a reversing video device.”.

(4) Regulation 2—

Add in alphabetical order

“reversing video device (倒車視像裝置) means a device that is designed to be fitted to a vehicle to display to the driver in the driving position a current closed-circuit view of the rear area of the vehicle when the vehicle is reversing or about to reverse;”.

4. Regulation 39A added

After regulation 39—

Add

“39A. Reversing video device

- (1) This regulation applies to a goods vehicle that—
 - (a) is first registered on or after 1 October 2014; and
 - (b) is neither—
 - (i) a tractor unit designed primarily to form part of an articulated vehicle; nor
 - (ii) a trailer.
- (2) The vehicle must be fitted with a reversing video device.
- (3) The device must be maintained in good working order.
- (4) The device must be so fitted to the vehicle that—
 - (a) it automatically displays a current closed-circuit view of the area specified in paragraph (5) when the vehicle is reversing or about to reverse; and
 - (b) the view is clear to the driver in the driving position, whether in the daytime or at night, except when the visibility is reduced by weather conditions.

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- (5) The specified area is the area behind the extreme rear of the vehicle that—
- (a) extends in length to at least 3 200 mm from the extreme rear of the vehicle; and
 - (b) extends in width to at least 500 mm from the outermost part on each side of the vehicle.
- (6) It is a defence in any proceedings for a contravention of paragraph (3) to prove that—
- (a) the defect occurred in the course of the journey during which the contravention was detected; or
 - (b) at the time when the contravention was detected, steps had already been taken to have the defect remedied with all reasonable expedition.”.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation adds a new regulation 39A to, and amends regulation 2 of, the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. A).

2. The new regulation 39A provides that every goods vehicle (except a tractor of a certain type and a trailer) first registered on or after 1 October 2014 must be fitted with a reversing video device, so that the driver can, in the driving position, observe the rear area of the vehicle through the device when the vehicle is reversing. The installation and performance of the device must satisfy the requirements set out in that regulation.
3. The amendments to regulation 2 are to exclude any camera unit of a reversing video device from being reckoned in the calculation of *overall length* as defined in that regulation and to add a new definition of *reversing video device*.