

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

PORT CONTROL (PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA) ORDER 2015

INTRODUCTION

The Secretary for Transport and Housing (“the Secretary”) has made the Port Control (Public Cargo Working Area) Order 2015 (“the Order”) at **Annex 1** under the Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Ordinance (Cap. 81) (“the Ordinance”) to declare the new boundaries of the Western District public cargo working area (“PCWA”). This paper briefs Members on the Order.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATIONS

2. PCWAs are fenced-off waterfront areas for transferring cargo to and from local barges or small coasters across seawall. Section 3(1) of the Ordinance confers the Secretary for Transport and Housing with the power to declare any area of unleased Government land to be a PCWA. Currently, there are six PCWAs¹ in Hong Kong. The Western District PCWA was established in 1981 and its existing boundaries are referred to in section 7 of the Port Control (Public Cargo Working Area) (Consolidation) Order (Cap 81 sub. leg. B). The Western District PCWA occupies a total area of approximately 40 200 square metres with a usable seafrontage of 1 052 metres.

¹ Namely Tuen Mun, Rambler Channel, Stonecutters Island, New Yaumatei, Chai Wan and Western District PCWAs.

3. The Central & Western District Council (“C&WDC”) is implementing an initiative, the *Harbourfront Enhancement and Revitalisation at the Western Wholesale Food Market* (“WWFM”), under the Signature Project Scheme (“SPS”), with a view to providing a waterfront promenade and open space at WWFM and its vicinity for public enjoyment. The project had the support of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the Home Affairs Department (HAD), the Harbourfront Commission and the local community. Funding application will be submitted to the Legislative Council in 2015.

4. The proposed site of the SPS at WWFM sits next to the Western District PCWA. In order to provide an access point to the future waterfront open space at WWFM, a small portion of land at the Western District PCWA of approximately 217.6 square metres (11 x 19.78 metres) (marked red in **Annex 2**) needs to be released for the development of the SPS.

5. In addition to the above, to align with the latest Government land allocation boundaries, three additional small portions of land at the entrances/exits (marked blue in **Annex 2**) with a total area of approximately 320 square metres will be incorporated into the Western District PCWA re-delineation. After these minor revisions, the total site area of the Western District PCWA will slightly increase by 100 square metres with the usable seafrontage remains unchanged.

THE ORDER

6. The Order declares the new boundaries of the Western District

PCWA by referring to the plan at **Annex 3** which sets out the revised boundaries of the Western District PCWA. With the revised boundaries, the Western District PCWA will occupy a total area of approximately 40 300 square metres. This Order is to commence from a day to be appointed by the Secretary by notice published in the Gazette.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

7. The Order will be gazetted on 30 January 2015 and tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on 4 February 2015. The Order will commence from a day to be appointed by the Secretary by notice published in the Gazette.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

8. The new boundaries of the Western District PCWA should have minimal impact on the daily operation of the existing cargo operators. With the revised boundaries, the length of the usable seafrontage of the Western District PCWA for renting to operators for cargo operation remains unchanged, the proposal will have no economic implications.

9. No additional staff cost will be incurred in implementing the proposal. There will be no environmental or political implication arising from the proposal.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

10. At its 8th C&WDC meeting held on 21 March 2013, the C&WDC agreed to undertake the SPS project in the C&W District. A wide range of public consultation and engagement activities were organized by HAD in the past two years, indicating great support to the content and design of the SPS project.

11. PCWA operators including those operating at the Western District PCWA were consulted at the PCWA Management Committee meeting in September 2013. They raised no objection to the proposal.

PUBLICITY

12. A press release will be issued on 30 January 2015 and a spokesman will be available to handle enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

13. Any enquiry on this brief can be addressed to Mr. W C HUI, Senior Marine Officer, Marine Department (Tel: 2852 4452).

Transport and Housing Bureau

Marine Department

23 January 2015

Port Control (Public Cargo Working Area) Order 2015

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 3(1) of the Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Ordinance (Cap. 81))

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Transport and Housing by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Public cargo working area

The area of unleased Government land situated at Western District (having an area of approximately 40 300 square metres), delineated and coloured pink on the plan numbered HKM 8800a signed by the Deputy Director of Lands (Survey and Mapping) on behalf of the Director of Lands on 29 December 2014 and deposited in the Land Registry, is declared to be a public cargo working area.

3. Port Control (Public Cargo Working Area) (No. 5) Order 1998 repealed

The Port Control (Public Cargo Working Area) (No. 5) Order 1998 (L.N. 58 of 1998) is repealed.

4. Port Control (Public Cargo Working Area) (Consolidation) Order amended

The Port Control (Public Cargo Working Area) (Consolidation) Order (Cap. 81 sub. leg. B) is amended as set out in sections 5 and 6.

5. Section 7 repealed (Western District public cargo working area)

Section 7—

Repeal the section.


6. Section 7B added

Before section 8—

Add

“7B. Western District public cargo working area

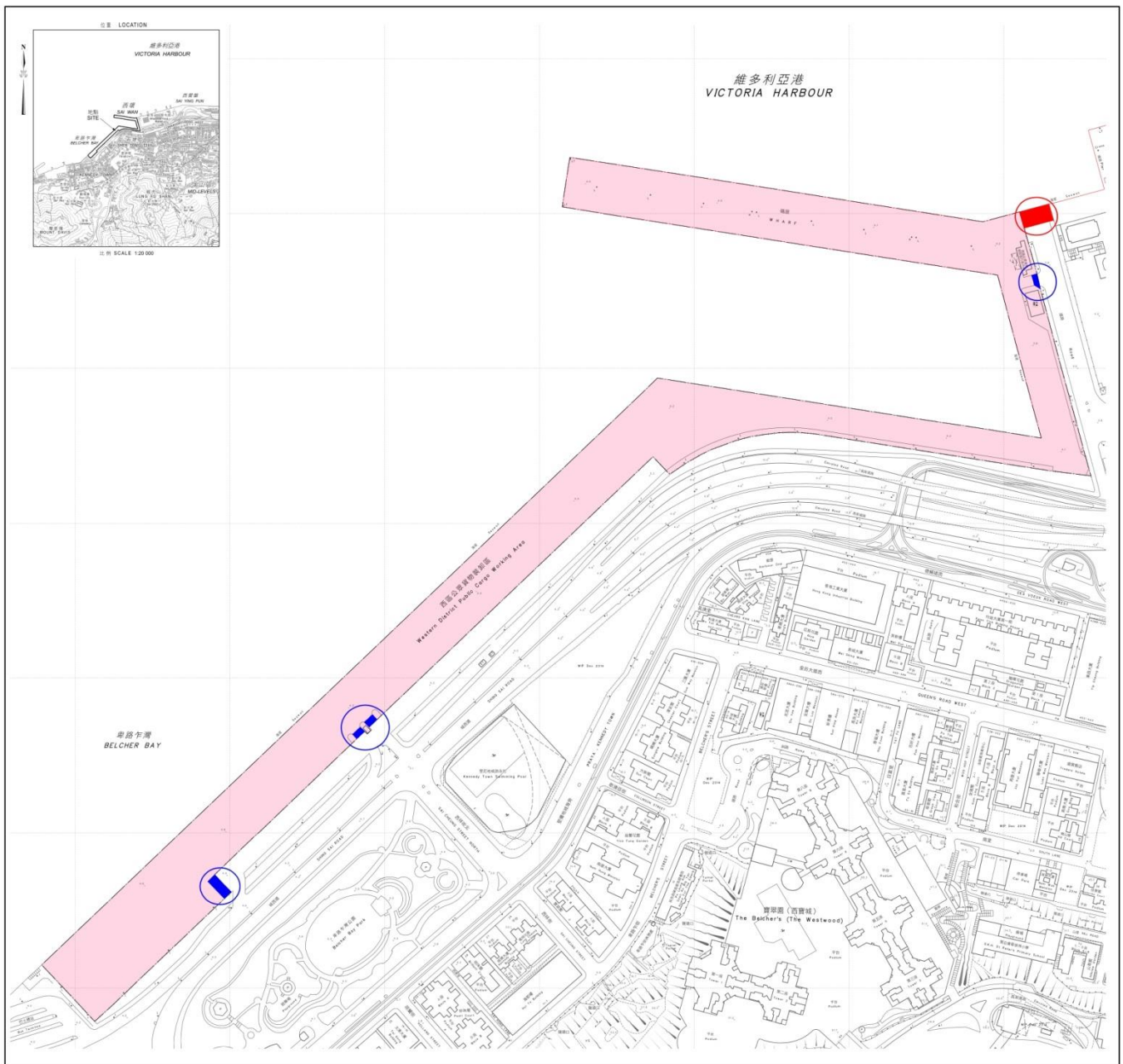
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Secretary for Transport and Housing

23 January 2015

Explanatory Note

This Order declares new boundaries for the Western District public cargo working area and repeals an earlier Order relating to that public cargo working area in order to release a portion of approximately 217.6 square metres for the Signature Project Scheme in Central and Western District.



- i) 紅色標示區域：將騰出作社區重點項目計劃用地
Area marked red : To be released for SPS project
- ii) 藍色標示區域：為配合政府最新撥地的界線而併入裝卸區的新增部分（位於出 / 入口）
Areas marked blue: Additional portions at the entrances/exits to be incorporated into the PCWA to align with the latest GLA boundaries

