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Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2017

(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 15 December 2017.

2. Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations amended

The Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in sections 3 to 11.

3. Regulation 2 amended (interpretation)

Regulation 2(1)—

Add in alphabetical order

“*left most lane* (最左線), in relation to a road inside a tunnel tube, means the lane of the road that, when facing in the direction of traffic flow of the lane—

- (a) is bound on the right-hand side by another lane; and
- (b) is bound on the left-hand side—
 - (i) for a left-driving tunnel—
 - (A) by a road marking of the type shown in Figure No. 505, 512, 606 or 607 prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G); or
 - (B) in the absence of any such road marking, by a kerb, barrier fence or works area; or

- (ii) for a right-driving tunnel—
 - (A) by a road marking of the type shown in Figure No. 505 or 607 prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G); or
 - (B) in the absence of any such road marking, by a kerb, barrier fence, works area or another lane (without traffic flow in the same direction);

left-driving tunnel (靠左駛隧道) means a tunnel that is not a right-driving tunnel;

right most lane (最右線), in relation to a road inside a tunnel tube, means the lane of the road that, when facing in the direction of traffic flow of the lane—

- (a) is bound on the left-hand side by another lane; and
- (b) is bound on the right-hand side—
 - (i) for a left-driving tunnel—
 - (A) by a road marking of the type shown in Figure No. 505 or 607 prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G); or
 - (B) in the absence of any such road marking, by a kerb, barrier fence, works area or another lane (without traffic flow in the same direction); or
 - (ii) for a right-driving tunnel—

- (A) by a road marking of the type shown in Figure No. 505, 512, 606 or 607 prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G); or
- (B) in the absence of any such road marking, by a kerb, barrier fence or works area;

right-driving tunnel (靠右駛隧道) means Scenic Hill Tunnel;”.

4. Regulation 3 amended (prescribed signs and road markings)

- (1) Regulation 3(1)(a), English text—

Repeal

“inclusive”.

- (2) Regulation 3(1A), English text—

Repeal

“inclusive”.

- (3) After regulation 3(1B)—

Add

“(1C) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), the Authority for the purposes of regulating and controlling traffic may display at the tunnel area of a right-driving tunnel a traffic sign of the type shown in any of the Figure Nos. 25, 26 and 27 prescribed in Schedule 1.”.

- (4) Regulation 3(3)—

Repeal

“(1A) or (1B)”

Substitute

“(1A), (1B) or (1C)”.

- (5) Regulation 3(4)—

Repeal

“colour of type”

Substitute

“colour or type”.

- (6) Regulation 3(6)—

Repeal

everything after “of—”

Substitute

- “(a) any traffic sign of the type shown in any of the Figure Nos. 1 to 6, 10, 11, 14, 14A, 15 to 23, 25, 26 and 27 prescribed in Schedule 1; and
- (b) any traffic sign or road marking prescribed by the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G),
- displayed under paragraph (1), (1A), (1B) or (1C).”.

5. Regulation 8 amended (traffic confined to left-hand lanes)

- (1) Regulation 8, heading—

Repeal

“Traffic confined to left-hand lanes”

Substitute

“Left-driving tunnel: certain vehicles confined to left most lane”.

- (2) Regulation 8—

Renumber the regulation as regulation 8(2).

- (3) Before regulation 8(2)—

Add

“(1) This regulation applies to a left-driving tunnel.”.

(4) Regulation 8(2)—

Repeal everything before the dash

Substitute

“(2) Except when directed or signalled to do otherwise by an authorized officer, a person must not drive any of the following vehicles on a road inside a tunnel tube other than in the left most lane”.

(5) Regulation 8(2)(c)—

Repeal

“and”.

6. Regulation 8A added

After regulation 8—

Add

“8A. Right-driving tunnel: certain vehicles confined to right most lane or lane next to it

(1) This regulation applies to a right-driving tunnel.

(2) Except when directed or signalled to do otherwise by an authorized officer, a person must not drive any of the following vehicles on a road inside a tunnel tube other than in the right most lane—

(a) a bus;

(b) a vehicle requiring permission under regulation 11A(2) or a permit under regulation 14;

(c) a vehicle towing another vehicle.

- (3) Except when directed or signalled to do otherwise by an authorized officer, a person must not drive a goods vehicle of a permitted gross vehicle weight exceeding 5.5 tonnes on a road inside a tunnel tube other than—
 - (a) in the right most lane; or
 - (b) in the lane next to the right most lane.
- (4) However, paragraph (3) does not apply if the goods vehicle also falls within paragraph (2)(b) or (c).”.

7. Regulation 15 amended (exemptions)

Regulation 15(1)—

Repeal

“8(d)”

Substitute

“8(2)(d), 8A(2)(c)”.

8. Regulation 18 amended (offences and penalties)

Regulation 18(1), before “9”—

Add

“8A,”.

9. Regulation 19 amended (powers of an operator)

Regulation 19, before “and (2)”—

Add

“, (1C)”.

10. Schedule 1 amended (traffic signs and road markings)

(1) Schedule 1, Figure No. 3—

Repeal

everything after “MUST PROCEED”

Substitute

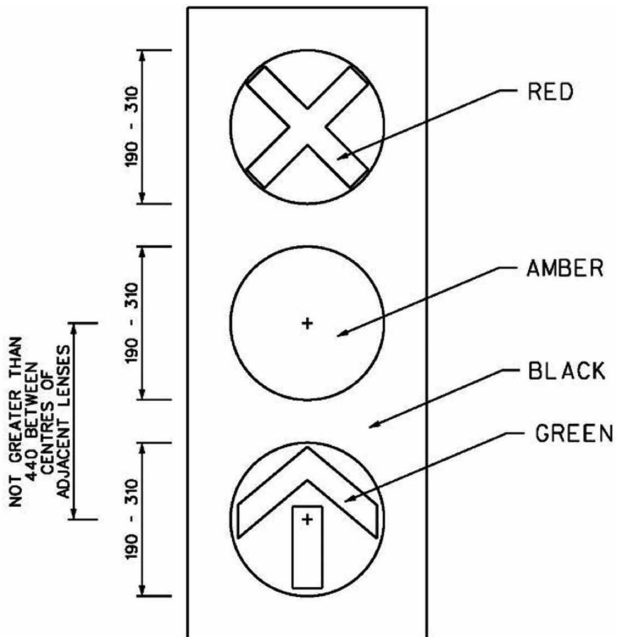
“OR KEEP TO THE LANE ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE (OR TO THE LANE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE IF THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROW IS REVERSED) OF THE LANE ABOVE WHICH THE SIGN IS DISPLAYED.”.

- (2) Schedule 1, Figure No. 4—

Repeal everything before the heading “LANE SIGNAL”

Substitute

“FIGURE NO. 4

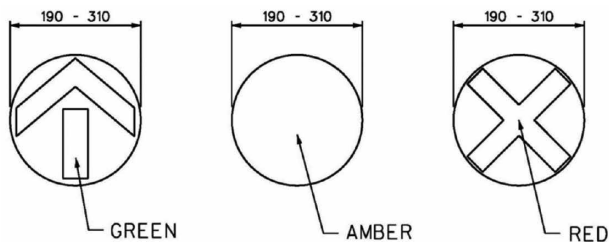


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(3) Schedule 1, before Figure No. 5—

Add

“FIGURE NO. 4A



LANE SIGNAL

This signal may be placed above or at the side of a lane for controlling the traffic proceeding along the lane.

If the signal displaying a green arrow is placed above a lane, the green arrow must point downwards.

The signal indicates that—

- (a) when a green arrow is displayed—vehicles may proceed along the lane;
- (b) when a steady or intermittent amber light is displayed—
 - (i) vehicles must proceed along the lane with caution; and
 - (ii) vehicles must be prepared to stop; and

- (c) when a red cross is displayed—vehicles must not proceed beneath, beyond or past the signal.

The signal may also be placed at the side of a toll booth. In that case, for a vehicle passing through a toll booth, the signal indicates that—

- (a) when a green arrow is displayed—
 - (i) the toll has been paid in respect of the vehicle, or no toll is payable in respect of it; and
 - (ii) the vehicle may proceed beyond or past the signal; and
 - (b) when a red cross is displayed—
 - (i) the toll has not been paid in respect of the vehicle; and
 - (ii) the vehicle must not proceed beyond or past the signal.”.
- (4) Schedule 1, English text, Figure No. 15—
- Repeal**
- “LEFT HAND LANE”
- Substitute**
- “LANE ON THE LEFT”.
- (5) Schedule 1, English text, Figure No. 15—
- Repeal**
- “LEFT HAND LANE”
- Substitute**
- “LANE ON THE LEFT”.
- (6) Schedule 1, English text, Figure No. 16—

Repeal

“LEFT HAND LANE”

Substitute

“LANE ON THE LEFT”.

- (7) Schedule 1, Figure No. 23—

Repeal

“TUNNEL”

Substitute

“LEFT-DRIVING TUNNEL”.

- (8) Schedule 1, Figure No. 23—

Repeal

“NEAR SIDE LANE”

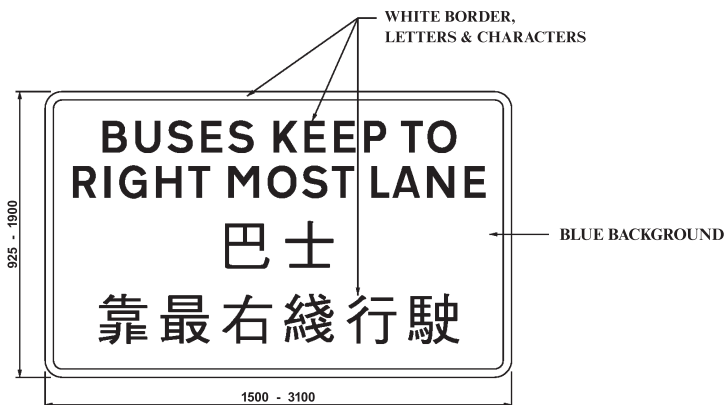
Substitute

“LEFT MOST LANE OF A ROAD INSIDE A TUBE
OF A LEFT-DRIVING TUNNEL”.

- (9) Schedule 1, after Figure No. 24—

Add

“FIGURE NO. 25

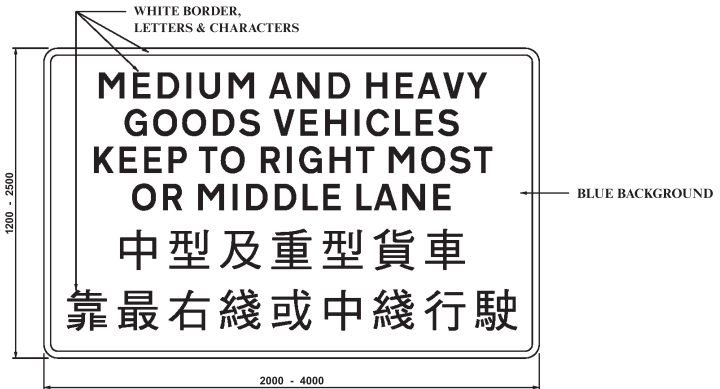


KEEP TO RIGHT MOST LANE IN RIGHT-DRIVING
TUNNEL

This sign indicates that buses must keep to the right most lane of a road inside a tube of a right-driving tunnel.

The word and characters “BUSES” and “巴士” may be replaced by the descriptions of any other motor vehicles to indicate that such vehicles must keep to the right most lane of a road inside a tube of a right-driving tunnel.

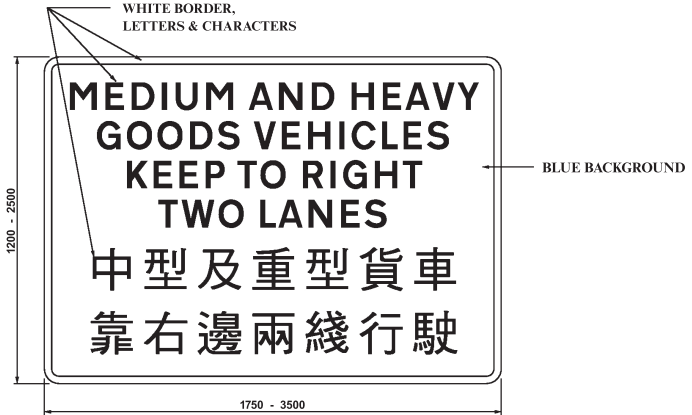
FIGURE NO. 26



KEEP TO RIGHT MOST LANE OR MIDDLE LANE
IN RIGHT-DRIVING TUNNEL

This sign indicates that medium goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles must keep to the right most lane, or the middle lane, of a road inside a tube of a right-driving tunnel.

FIGURE NO. 27



KEEP TO TWO LANES ON THE RIGHT IN RIGHT-DRIVING TUNNEL

This sign indicates that medium goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles must keep to the right most lane, or the lane next to the right most lane, of a road inside a tube of a right-driving tunnel.”.

11. Schedule 2 amended (tolls and fees)

- (1) Schedule 2, Part 4, section 2, Table, after item 1—

Add

“1A. Airport Tunnel \$140 \$175 \$215”.

- (2) Schedule 2, Part 4, section 2, Table, after item 5—

Add

“5A. Scenic Hill Tunnel \$140 \$175 \$215”.

- (3) Schedule 2, Part 5, after item 1—

Section 11

Add

- “1A. Airport Tunnel \$82”.
- (4) Schedule 2, Part 5, after item 5—

Add

- “5A. Scenic Hill Tunnel \$82”.

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Explanatory Note

The main purpose of this Regulation is to amend the Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A) (*principal Regulations*)—

- (a) to provide for the removal fees and permit fees for Airport Tunnel and Scenic Hill Tunnel;
- (b) to provide for the traffic control and regulation in Scenic Hill Tunnel as it is a right-driving tunnel; and
- (c) to make consequential amendments to the principal Regulations.