

For Information

Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry

Proposed Technical Amendment to the Import and Export (Electronic Cargo Information) Regulation (Cap. 60L) to tie in with the commissioning of the Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point

Introduction

This paper sets out for Members' information the Government's proposal to make a technical amendment to the Import and Export (Electronic Cargo Information) Regulation (Cap. 60L) ("the Regulation") to extend its coverage to the Heung Yuen Wai ("HYW") Boundary Control Point ("BCP"). It is one of the legislative proposals relating to the commissioning of HYW BCP¹.

Locations of Customs Clearance of Road Cargoes in Hong Kong

2. The Road Cargo System ("ROCARS") is an electronic advance cargo information system for customs clearance of road cargoes. Its coverage and operational details are prescribed in the Regulation.

3. Schedule 2 to the Regulation sets out the locations to which ROCARS applies. At present, these locations include all land BCPs in Hong Kong, i.e. the Lok Ma Chau BCP, Man Kam To BCP, Sha Tau Kok BCP and the Clearance Area of the Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Port Area. To pave the way for the operation of the ROCARS at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HZMB") Hong Kong Port ("HKP"), we amended the Regulation in October 2017 by adding the HZMB HKP to Schedule 2, and the amendment will come into operation at a date to be appointed by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development by a notice published in the Gazette.

¹ Other legislative proposals include those under the Transport and Housing Bureau and Security Bureau for matters under their respective purview.

Proposed Amendment

4. For HYW BCP, the Development Bureau aims to complete the construction works by end 2018. HYW BCP will be another new location for clearance of road cargoes in Hong Kong upon its commissioning. We need to amend the Regulation by including HYW BCP in Schedule 2 to the Regulation, so as to enable the extension of ROCARS operation to that location. This amendment will allow the Commissioner of Customs and Excise to designate an area within HYW BCP as customs clearance point for the purpose of ROCARS operation pursuant to section 13 of the Regulation.

Legislative Timetable

5. We are working on the necessary legislative amendment and aim to table the same at the Legislative Council for negative vetting by the fourth quarter of 2018.

6. Members are invited to note the content of the paper.

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