

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Road Traffic Ordinance
(Chapter 374)

ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2017 (COMMENCEMENT) NOTICE 2018

INTRODUCTION

The Secretary for Transport and Housing (“STH”) has made the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (Commencement) Notice 2018 (“Commencement Notice”) (at **Annex A**), to appoint the commencement date for the permitted operating area of the New Territories (“NT”) taxis which involves the Southern Connection of the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (“TM-CLKL”) specified in the new paragraph 1(i)(xxvi) of Schedule 7 to the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulation (Cap. 374 sub leg. E) by section 3(3) of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (L.N. 62 of 2017) (“Amendment Regulation”) (at **Annex B**).

BACKGROUND

2. Under the existing legislation, NT and Lantau taxis can only serve designated areas. Their designated permitted operating areas are specified in Schedule 7 to Cap. 374E. In view of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (“HZMB”) project, the Amendment Regulation was made by STH under section 6 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and gazetted on 18 April 2017 for amending Schedule 7 to Cap. 374E to revise the permitted operating areas for taxis licensed to operate within the NT and Lantau to facilitate the travelling of passengers between their respective operating areas of the NT and Lantau taxis and the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (“HKBCF”) upon the commissioning of the HZMB.

3. The Amendment Regulation has come into operation, except for those provisions¹ concerning the TM-CLKL for the NT taxis specified in section 1(2) of the Amendment Regulation which shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by STH by notice published in the Gazette. The TM-CLKL comprises the Southern Connection (i.e. Shun Long Road) and the Northern Connection. It provides a direct route between the north-western NT and the HZMB, the Hong Kong International Airport and North Lantau, as well as an alternative passage to and from the Hong Kong International Airport. Since the works of these two connections were on-going when the Amendment Regulation was made, we did not specify the commencement dates for these two connections at that time but would specify the commencement dates separately having regard to the completion of the works concerned.

4. As the works concerning the Southern Connection have already been completed and the Southern Connection will be in commission on 24 October 2018, it is necessary for STH to specify the commencement date for the permitted operating area as specified in the new paragraph 1(i)(xxvi) by section 3(3) of the Amendment Regulation accordingly to tie in with the commissioning of the HZMB, such that NT taxis would be able to enter the HKBCF of the HZMB via Shun Long Road².

5. As regards the commencement date for the permitted operating area concerning the Northern Connection of the TM-CLKL, it would be separately specified by STH by notice published in the Gazette in future, having regard to the completion date of the works concerned and the commissioning arrangement.

¹ Section 1(2) of the Amendment Regulation reads that “section 3(3) (in so far as it relates to the new paragraph 1(i)(xxvi)) and (4) comes into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Transport and Housing by notice published in the Gazette”. The new paragraph 1(i)(xxvi) of Schedule 7 to Cap. 374E (as specified in section 3(3) of the Amendment Regulation) seeks to include Shun Long Road, i.e. the Southern Connection of the TM-CLKL, as a permitted operating area for NT taxis, while section 3(4) of the Amendment Regulation concerns the specification of the Northern Connection of the TM-CLKL as a permitted operating area for NT taxis.

² By virtue of section 3(5) of the Amendment Regulation (which came into operation on 15 December 2017), as all roads in Lantau and Chek Lap Kok are included as the permitted operating area for Lantau taxis, the Southern Connection of the TM-CLKL has already been included as a permitted operating area for Lantau taxis.

THE COMMENCEMENT NOTICE

6. Under section 1(2) of the Amendment Regulation, STH has appointed 24 October 2018 as the day on which section 3(3) of the Amendment Regulation (in so far as it relates to the new paragraph 1(i)(xxvi)) comes into operation via the Commencement Notice. The Commencement Notice was published in the Gazette on 22 October 2018.

ENQUIRIES

7. Any enquiries on this brief can be addressed to the following officer –

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Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2017
(Commencement) Notice 2018

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**Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles)
(Amendment) Regulation 2017 (Commencement) Notice
2018**

Under section 1(2) of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (L.N. 62 of 2017), I appoint 24 October 2018 as the day on which section 3(3) (in so far as it relates to the new paragraph 1(i)(xxvi)) of the Regulation comes into operation.

Secretary for Transport and Housing

2018

L.N. 62 of 2017

**Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles)
(Amendment) Regulation 2017**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 6 of
the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 15 December 2017.
- (2) Section 3(3) (in so far as it relates to the new paragraph 1(i)(xxvi)) and (4) comes into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Transport and Housing by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations amended

The Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. E) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule 7 amended (permitted areas for New Territories and Lantau taxis)

- (1) Schedule 7, paragraph 1(i)(xi)—
Repeal
“and”.
- (2) Schedule 7, paragraph 1(i)(xii)—
Repeal the full stop
Substitute a semicolon.

(3) Schedule 7, after paragraph 1(i)(xii)—

Add

- “(xiii) Chek Lap Kok Road, but excluding—
- (A) the section of the southbound carriageway of Chek Lap Kok Road south of its junction with Tung Wing Road; and
 - (B) the section of the northbound carriageway of Chek Lap Kok Road between the junction of Chek Lap Kok Road with East Coast Road and the junction of Chek Lap Kok Road with the slip road leading to it from Sky City Interchange;
- (xiv) Shun Fai Road;
 - (xv) Shun Wui Road;
 - (xvi) Shun Ming Road;
 - (xvii) Shun Lin Road;
 - (xviii) Shun Chit Road;
 - (xix) Tung Wing Road;
 - (xx) Sky City Interchange;
 - (xxi) the section of Cheong Lin Road between Sky City Interchange and Airport South Interchange;
 - (xxii) the roundabout joining Cheong Lin Road and Cheong Shun Road, and the section of the westbound carriageway of Cheong Lin Road between the roundabout and Airport South Interchange;
 - (xxiii) Cheong King Road;

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- (xxiv) the section of the northbound carriageway of East Coast Road between Cheong King Road and Sky City Interchange;
 - (xxv) the slip road of Cheong Lin Road leading to Cheong Hong Road from the roundabout joining Cheong Lin Road and Cheong Shun Road; and
 - (xxvi) Shun Long Road.”.
- (4) Schedule 7, after paragraph 1(k)—

Add

- “(l) The following roads in the Islands District and Tuen Mun District, as delineated in Part II of Schedule 1 to the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)—
- (i) all roads directly joining Lung Mun Road and Shun Long Road;
 - (ii) all roads directly joining Lung Fu Road and Shun Long Road;
 - (iii) all roads directly joining Lung Mun Road and Chek Lap Kok Road; and
 - (iv) all roads directly joining Lung Fu Road and Chek Lap Kok Road.”.
- (5) Schedule 7, paragraph 2—

Repeal

everything after “Lantau—”

Substitute

- “(a) All roads in Lantau.
- (b) All roads in Chek Lap Kok.”.

Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation
2017

L.N. 62 of 2017
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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends Schedule 7 to the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. E) to—

- (a) amend the permitted area for taxis licensed to operate within the New Territories; and
- (b) amend the permitted area for taxis licensed to operate within Lantau.