LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

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WAIVER OF GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES

INTRODUCTION

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At the meeting of the Executive Council on 17 September 2019, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that –

- (a) the Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) (Port Facilities and Light Dues Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex A, should be made to waive port facilities and light dues payable for ocean-going vessels and high speed crafts for one year from 1 October 2019;
 - (b) the Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex B, should be made to waive vehicle entry ticket fees for the first hour payable by trucks entering Public Cargo Working Areas ("PCWA") and operation area permit fees payable by PCWA operators for one year from 1 October 2019;
 - (c) the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex C, should be made to waive closed road permit fees for cross boundary goods vehicles, buses and hire cars; and vehicle licence fees for goods vehicles, special purpose vehicles, trailers, taxies, non-franchised public buses, private buses, light buses (both public and private) and hire cars for one year from 30 December 2019;
 - (d) the Road Traffic Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 3) (Fee Concessions) Order 2019, at Annex D, should be made to waive vehicle examination fees payable in respect of the first vehicle examinations for the renewal of vehicle licences of goods vehicles, special purpose vehicles, trailers, taxies, non-franchised public buses, franchised public buses, private buses, light buses (both public and private) and hire cars within one year from 30 December 2019;
 - (e) the Marine Fish Culture (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex E, should be made to waive marine fish culture licence fees for one year from 1 October 2019;

the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (f) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex F, should be made F to reduce the fee for renewal of livestock keeping licence for one year from 1 October 2019; the Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) (Amendment) (Trade Effluent (g) G Surcharge Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex G, should be made to waive trade effluent surcharge for one year from 1 January 2020; (h) the Mines (Safety) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex H, should be made to waive or reduce mine blasting certificate fees for one year Η from 1 October 2019; the Dangerous Goods (General) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation (i) 2019, at Annex I, should be made to waive Category 1 dangerous goods licence I and permit fees for one year from 1 October 2019; (j) the Dangerous Goods (Government Explosives Depots) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex J, should be made to waive the fees J payable for storage and delivery of Category 1 dangerous goods explosives for one year from 1 October 2019; the Building (Minor Works) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation (k) 2019, at Annex K, should be made to waive or reduce certain registration fees for K minor works contractors for one year from 21 October 2019; (1) the Karaoke Establishments (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation L 2019, at Annex L, should be made to waive or reduce karaoke establishment licence and permit fees for one year from 1 October 2019; and the Travel Agents (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex M, should be made to waive travel agents licence fees for one year from M 1 October 2019. 2. Separately, the following fee concessions regulations should also be made by the

Financial Secretary ("FS"), Secretary for the Transport and Housing, Secretary for Food and Health, Secretary for Home Affairs ("SHA"), and Construction Industry Council

("CIC") subject to the approval of the Secretary for Development respectively –

the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) (a) N Regulation 2019, at Annex N, should be made to waive the fees payable for permits to remain and vessels licences for one year from 1 November 2019; (b) the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex O, should be made to waive or reduce the fees O payable for passenger service licences, passenger service licence certificates, and hire car permits for one year from 30 December 2019; (c) the Dutiable Commodities (Liquor Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee _P Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex P, should be made to waive or reduce liquor licence fees for one year from 1 October 2019; (d) the Places of Public Entertainment (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex Q, should be made to waive cinema licence fees for one year from 1 October Q 2019; and the Construction Workers Registration (Fees) (Amendment) (Fees Concessions) (e)

JUSTIFICATIONS

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3. FS announced a package of relief measures on 15 August 2019 to support the business (especially small and medium enterprises), relieve people's financial burden and stimulate the economy with a view to countering the challenging external economic environment and softening local economy. The measures include waiving 27 groups of government fees and charges for one year to benefit a wide range of sectors. Following the announcement, the CIC also announced a fee waiving measure on 16 August 2019 for 12 months to help out the construction industry. Of these 28 groups of fee waiving measures, 20 groups require the making of subsidiary legislation either by the Chief Executive in Council, FS or the relevant Directors of Bureaux. The remaining eight groups can be implemented by the designated authorities under relevant ordinances.

Regulation 2019, at Annex R, should be made to waive the fees related to

registration of construction workers for one year from 1 October 2019.

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WAIVERS OF FEES AND CHARGES

- 4. The 28 groups of fee waiving measures will benefit a wide range of sectors from maritime, logistics, retail, catering, agriculture and fisheries to construction and tourism. Details of the fee waiver proposals, together with the estimated number of beneficiaries, implementation dates and the revenue forgone are at Annex S.
- 5. For transaction-based fees (e.g. port facilities and light dues payable upon each entry), fee waiver will be given for each transaction to be made during the concession period. For other types of fees payable with a validity period such as licence fees, permit fees, registration fees, etc., we propose that the fees payable in respect of the first issue or renewal of licences, permits or registrations that takes effect during the concession period, or where appropriate upon application made during the concession period if such fees are statutorily required to be paid upon application, will be waived for a maximum period of one year¹. The waiver of fee does not apply to those licences, permits or registrations which take effect before and will expire during the relevant concession period. Holders of these licences or permits, or registered persons will enjoy the waiver if and when they renew their licences, permits or registrations during the concession period.
- 6. Refund will be considered by the relevant departments for those licences, permits or registrations that take effect before the concession period, are valid for more than one year, and with the expiry date of licences, permits or registrations falling beyond the respective concession periods. Holders of these licences or permits, or registered persons will be refunded direct or upon application the relevant fees and charges already paid on a pro-rata basis by reference to the concession periods¹. Details will be worked out by the relevant departments.

THE REGULATIONS AND THE ORDER

7. All fee waiving measures will be valid for one year. The majority of them will take effect from 1 October 2019. The remaining measures will progressively take effect from 21 October 2019 to 1 January 2020 as the relevant departments will need more time to roll out these fee waiving initiatives.

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¹ The principles on a maximum period of one year and refund as described in paragraphs 5 and 6 respectively apply to all government departments but not the CIC. In the case of CIC, it will waive the whole amount of its multi-year registration/renewal fee and will not refund during the 12-month concession period. Details are set out in the related concession regulations.

Maritime and logistics

- 8. The Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) (Port Facilities and Light Dues Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex A, is made under the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313) to waive the port facilities and light dues payable for ocean-going vessels and high speed crafts for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020.
- 9. The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fee) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex N, is made under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) to waive the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 in respect of permits to remain and vessels licences.
- 10. The Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex B, is made under the Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Ordinance (Cap. 81) to waive the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of Vehicle Entry Ticket for the first hour payable by trucks entering PCWA and Operation Area Permit by PCWA operators.
- The Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex C, is made under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) to waive the fees payable during the period from 30 December 2019 to 29 December 2020 in respect of closed road permits for cross boundary goods vehicles, buses and hire cars; as well as the vehicle licences for goods vehicles, special purpose vehicles, trailers, taxies, non-franchised public buses, private buses, light buses (both public and private) and hire cars.
- 12. The Road Traffic Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 3) (Fee Concessions) Order 2019, at Annex D, is made under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) to waive the fees payable within one year from 30 December 2019 in respect of the first vehicle examination for the renewal of vehicle licences of goods vehicles, special purpose vehicles, trailers, taxies, non-franchised public buses, franchised public buses, private buses, light buses (both public and private) and hire cars.
- 13. The Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex O, is made under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) to waive or reduce the fees payable for one year during the period from 30 December 2019 to 29 December 2020 in respect of passenger service licences and passenger service licence

certificates for eligible types of vehicles, as well as hire car permits.

Retail and catering

- 14. The Dutiable Commodities (Liquor Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex P, is made under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109) to waive or reduce the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of liquor licences.
- 15. The Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) (Amendment) (Trade Effluent Surcharge Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex G, is made under the Sewage Services Ordinance (Cap. 463) to waive the trade effluent surcharge payable for one year during the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. The Regulation provides for the concession of trade effluent surcharge for a billing period with any part of it falling within 2020.

Agriculture and fisheries

- The Marine Fish Culture (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex E, is made under the Marine Fish Culture Ordinance (Cap. 353) to waive the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of marine fish culture licences.
- 17. The Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex F, is made under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance (Cap. 139) to reduce the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of renewal of livestock keeping licences.

Construction

- 18. The Mines (Safety) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex H, is made under the Mining Ordinance (Cap. 285) to waive or reduce the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of mine blasting certificates.
- 19. The Dangerous Goods (General) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex I, is made under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295) to waive the

fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of Category 1 dangerous goods licences and permits.

- 20. The Dangerous Goods (Government Explosives Depots) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex J, is made under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295) to waive the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of storage and delivery of Category 1 dangerous goods explosives.
- 21. The Building (Minor Works) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex K, is made under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) to waive or reduce certain fees relating to the registration of minor works contractors for one year during the period from 21 October 2019 to 20 October 2020.
- 22. The Construction Workers Registration (Fees) (Amendment) (Fees Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex R, is made under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583) to waive the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of registration of construction workers.

Tourism and others

- 23. The Places of Public Entertainment (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex Q, is made under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172) to waive the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of the cinema licences.
- 24. The Karaoke Establishments (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex L, is made under the Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573) to waive or reduce the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of the karaoke establishment licences and permits.
- 25. The Travel Agents (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019, at Annex M, is made under the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218) to waive the fees payable for one year during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 in respect of travel agents licences.

WAIVERS OF LICENSING FEES NOT REQUIRING LEGISLATION

- 26. Eight groups of fee waiving proposals will be implemented by the Government administratively
 - (a) FS has the power to waive and refund fees for hawker licences, restaurant licences, restricted food permits, fresh provision shops, bakeries/siu mei and lo mei shops/composite food shop licences, food factories/frozen confection factories/milk factories/cold store licences and slaughterhouse licences issued under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132); and
 - (b) SHA has the power to waive and refund fees for hotel and guesthouse licences as provided for under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 349 sub. leg. B) made under section 22 of the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349).

The waiver for the above fees will be implemented through administrative means and no subsidiary legislation will be required.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

- 27. The Regulations and the Order will be gazetted on 27 September 2019 and tabled in the Legislative Council ("LegCo") at the next sitting after publication in the gazette for negative vetting.
- 28. The relief measures should be implemented as soon as possible so as to benefit the targeted stakeholders. We therefore propose that the subsidiary legislation for waiving various fees and charges should take effect without waiting upon the expiry of the period required for negative vetting of the subsidiary legislation by the LegCo.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

29. The proposal is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. The proposal will not affect the binding effect of existing provisions of the relevant ordinances and their subsidiary legislation. It has no productivity,

environmental, sustainability, gender or family implications. As for economic implications, the proposal should help reduce the operating costs of enterprises, especially the small and medium enterprises, in a number of sectors, thereby rendering support to the relevant enterprises to counter the challenges from external and local economic environment.

30. Civil service implications, if any, will be absorbed within the existing provision of the relevant bureau/department. The estimated revenue forgone arising from the waivers of fees and charges to Government and the CIC are \$1,569 million and \$10 million respectively.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

31. FS met with LegCo Members and various business and professional bodies beforehand and decided to introduce the above fee waiving measures and other helping measures.

PUBLICITY

32. A spokesman will be available to answer enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

33. Enquiries on the brief should be made to Mr. Louie NG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (MA) at 2810 3729.

Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau 25 September 2019

Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) (Port Facilities and Light Dues Concessions) Regulation 2019

Section 1

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Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) (Port Facilities and Light Dues Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 80 of the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.

2. Shipping and Port Control Regulations amended

The Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Regulation 52A added

After regulation 52-

Add

"52A. Port facilities and light dues not payable between October 2019 and September 2020

- (1) Despite regulations 49 and 52, no port facilities and light dues are payable for the use of port facilities during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive).
- (2) This regulation expires at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

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Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg. A) to provide that no port facilities and light dues are payable for the use of port facilities by vessels entering the waters of Hong Kong during the period from October 2019 to September 2020.

Section 1

1

Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 6 of the Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Ordinance (Cap. 81))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.
- (2) Section 4(2) comes into operation on 1 October 2020.

2. Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Regulations amended

The Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Regulations (Cap. 81 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Regulation 23 added

After regulation 22—

Add

"23. Certain fees payable during concession period

- (1) Despite regulation 22(1), the Schedule has effect during the concession period as if items 15 and 16 of the Schedule were replaced with the following items—
 - "15. Vehicle entry ticket-

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hour (or part of an hour) after the first hour following the issue of the vehicle entry ticket

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16. Operation area permit per m² of area per month

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(2) In this regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive).

(3) This regulation expires at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

4. Schedule amended (fees and charges)

(1) The Schedule—

Repeal

"& 22]"

Substitute

", 22 & 23]".

(2) The Schedule—

Repeal

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", 22 & 23]"

Substitute

"& 22]".

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Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Regulations (Cap. 81 sub. leg. A) (*the principal Regulations*) to revise certain fees payable during the period from October 2019 to September 2020. These fees are payable in respect of—

- (a) vehicle entry tickets issued under regulation 14 of the principal Regulations; and
- (b) operation area permits issued under regulation 7D of the principal Regulations.

Section 1

1

Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 6(2) of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 30 December 2019.
- (2) Sections 4 and 6 come into operation on 30 December 2020.

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 sections 3 to 6.

3. Part X added

After Part IX-

Add

"Part X

Temporary Fee Concessions

63. Interpretation of Part X

In this Part—

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Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

Section 3

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concession period (寬免期) means the period from 30 December 2019 to 29 December 2020 (both dates inclusive).

64. Certain vehicle licence fees waived

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2) and regulation 65, if the licence for a motor vehicle specified in item 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11 or 12 under the heading "Annual Licence Fees" of Schedule 2 takes effect on a date (effective date) within the concession period, the licence fee payable for the licence under regulation 21(1)(b), (3) or (9)(b), 23(2), 23A(2) or 38 (as the case requires) is waived.
- (2) If—
 - (a) 2 or more licences, each with an effective date that falls within the concession period, are issued in respect of the same motor vehicle; and
 - (b) the aggregate period of those licences exceeds 12 months by a period (excess period),

the amount of fee that is waived under subregulation (1) in respect of the last of those licences is reduced by an amount equal to the fee that would, but for the operation of subregulation (1), have been payable for that licence under these regulations for the excess period.

- (3) For a licence issued under regulation 21(6) and with an effective date that falls within the concession period, regulation 21(7) has effect during the concession period as if—
 - (a) the words "shall be the licence fee under subregulation (1)(b) and an additional fee of 0.33% of the appropriate annual licence fee" in that regulation were substituted by "is a fee of 0.33% of

the appropriate annual licence fee that would, but for the operation of regulation 64(1), have been payable"; and

(b) the words "additional fee shall not be" in the proviso to that regulation were substituted by "fee is not".

65. Waiver not applicable in respect of certain vehicles

The waiver under regulation 64(1) does not apply to the licence fee payable for a licence under these regulations in respect of—

- (a) a public bus operated under a franchise granted under the Public Bus Services Ordinance (Cap. 230);
- (b) a private car in respect of which no hire car permit is in force; or
- (c) an electrically powered passenger vehicle in respect of which no hire car permit is in force.

66. Certain additional fees waived

- (1) The additional fee mentioned in a specified provision is waived in respect of a licence for 4 months if the licence fee payable for the licence is waived under regulation 64(1), even if that licence fee is only partly waived under regulation 64(1) because of the operation of regulation 64(2).
- (2) In subregulation (1)—
- specified provision (指明條文) means the following provision—
 - (a) regulation 21(1)(b)(ii);

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- (b) regulation 21(9)(b)(ii);
 - (c) paragraph (b) of the proviso to regulation 23(2); or
 - (d) paragraph (b) of the proviso to regulation 23A(2).

67. Certain closed road permit fees waived

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), if a closed road permit (other than one for a road in Lantau) issued under regulation 49(1) for a private car in respect of which a hire car permit is in force, a goods vehicle or a bus takes effect on a date (effective date) within the concession period, the fee chargeable for the closed road permit under regulation 49(3) is waived.
- (2) If—
 - (a) 2 or more closed road permits, each with an effective date that falls within the concession period, are issued in respect of the same motor vehicle; and
 - (b) the aggregate period of those permits exceeds 12 months by a period (excess period),

the amount of fee that is waived under subregulation (1) in respect of the last of those permits is reduced by an amount equal to the fee that would, but for the operation of subregulation (1), have been chargeable for that permit under regulation 49(3) for the excess period.".

4. Part X repealed (temporary fee concessions)

Part X-

Repeal the Part.

Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

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5. Schedule 2 amended (fees)

Schedule 2-

Repeal

"& 59]"

Substitute

", 59 & 641".

6. Schedule 2 amended (fees)

Schedule 2-

Repeal

", 59 & 64]"

Substitute

"& 59]".

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Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. E) (*principal Regulations*) to give effect to the waiving of certain vehicle licence fees and certain additional fees payable under the principal Regulations and certain closed road permit fees chargeable under the principal Regulations.

Road Traffic Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 3) (Fee Concessions) Order 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 86(2) of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 30 December 2019.

2. Road Traffic Ordinance amended

The Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule 3 amended (fees for vehicle examinations)

(1) Schedule 3, Part 3, section 2—

Renumber the section as section 2(1).

(2) Schedule 3, Part 3, after section 2(1)—

Add

- "(2) For the purposes of an examination of a vehicle that takes place within the period from 30 December 2019 to 28 April 2021 (both dates inclusive), a private car in respect of which a hire car permit is in force is also a specified vehicle."
- (3) Schedule 3, Part 3, section 3(2)(b)—

Repeal subparagraph (i)

Substitute

- "(i) takes place on a date that falls within—
 - (A) the period from 13 July 2015 to 11 November 2016 (both dates inclusive); or

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- (B) the period from 30 December 2019 to 28 April 2021 (both dates inclusive); and".
- (4) Schedule 3, Part 3, section 4—

Repeal paragraph (b)

Substitute

- "(b) the date for the examination is specified, under section 78(1A)(d), on a date that falls within—
 - (i) the period from 13 July 2015 to 12 July 2016 (both dates inclusive); or
 - (ii) the period from 30 December 2019 to 29 December 2020 (both dates inclusive).".

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Explanatory Note

This Order amends Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) to provide that the fee for a particular examination that is required under section 78(1)(d) of the Ordinance and that takes place within the period from 30 December 2019 to 28 April 2021 (both dates inclusive) (*revised fee*) is to be \$0 in respect of any of the following vehicles—

- (a) private car in respect of which a hire car permit is in force;
- (b) taxi;
- (c) goods vehicle;
- (d) special purpose vehicle;
- (e) light bus;
- (f) single-decked bus;
- (g) double-decked bus;
- (h) trailer (other than a trailer towed by a private car).
- 2. The revised fee applies only once for each vehicle.

Marine Fish Culture (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

Section 1

Marine Fish Culture (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) **Regulation 2019**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 22 of the Marine Fish Culture Ordinance (Cap. 353))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.

2. Marine Fish Culture Regulations amended

The Marine Fish Culture Regulations (Cap. 353 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Regulation 10A added

After regulation 10-

Add

"10A. No fee payable for grant or renewal of licence between October 2019 and September 2020

- (1) Despite regulation 10(1), no fee is payable for the grant or renewal of a licence if the licence so granted or renewed takes effect within the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive).
- (2) This regulation expires at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Marine Fish Culture Regulations (Cap. 353 sub. leg. A) to provide that no fee is payable for the grant or renewal of a licence to engage in fish culture within a fish culture zone that takes effect within the period from October 2019 to September 2020.

Section 1

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Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 3 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance (Cap. 139))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.
- (2) Section 4 comes into operation on 1 October 2020.

2. Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation amended

The Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation (Cap. 139 sub. leg. L) is amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Schedule 2 amended (specified fees)

(1) Schedule 2, item 1—

Repeal

"Grant or renewal of a licence under section 4 of this Regulation"

Substitute

"Grant of a licence under section 4 at any time or renewal of a licence under that section at any time not within the period mentioned in item 1A".

(2) Schedule 2, item 1(a)—

Repeal

Annex F

Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

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"above 6 000"

Substitute

"6 000 or above".

(3) Schedule 2, item 1(b)—

Repeal

"above 60 000"

Substitute

"60 000 or above".

(4) Schedule 2, after item 1-

Add

"1A. Renewal of a licence under section 4 within the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive)—

		Holding capacity*	
(a)	Pigs (No.)	below 200	500
		200- 399	700
		400– 599	900
		600- 999	1,000
		1 000 1 999	2,000
		2 000- 2 999	2,200
		3 000- 3 999	2,400
		4 000- 4 999	2,600
		5 000- 5 999	2,800
		6 000 or above	3,000

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(b) S ₁	Specified birds	below 2 000	500
	(No.)	2 000- 3 999	700
		4 000- 5 999	900
		6 000– 9 999	1,000
		10 000–19 999	2,000
		20 000–29 999	2,200
		30 000–39 999	2,400
		40 000–49 999	2,600
		50 000–59 999	2,800
		60 000 or above	3,000

^{*} Holding capacity is calculated by reference to the following stocking density of each type of animal, i.e. 0.0747m² per chicken; 0.093m² per layer; 0.075m² per pigeon; 0.0093m² per quail; 2.52m² per pig; 0.023m² per duck/goose."

4. Schedule 2 amended (specified fees)

(1) Schedule 2, item 1—

Repeal

"Grant of a licence under section 4 at any time or renewal of a licence under that section at any time not within the period mentioned in item 1A"

Substitute

"Grant or renewal of a licence under section 4".

(2) Schedule 2—

Repeal item 1A.

Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

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Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation (Cap. 139 sub. leg. L) (*principal Regulation*) to prescribe a lower fee for the renewal, within the period from October 2019 to September 2020, of a licence to keep livestock in or on premises in respect of which the licence is granted within a livestock waste restriction area or a livestock waste control area.

2. This Regulation also makes minor textual amendments to item 1 of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulation.

Section 1

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Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) (Amendment) (Trade Effluent Surcharge Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 12 of the Sewage Services Ordinance (Cap. 463) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 January 2020.

2. Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) Regulation amended

The Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) Regulation (Cap. 463 sub. leg. B) is amended as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

- 3. Section 3 amended (trade effluent surcharge rates)
 - (1) Section 3(1)—

Repeal

"subsection (2)"

Substitute

"subsections (1A) and (2)".

(2) Section 3(1)(c)—

Repeal

"; or"

Substitute a semicolon.

(3) After section 3(1)(c)—

Add

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Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) (Amendment) (Trade Effluent Surcharge Concessions) Regulation 2019

Section 4

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- "(ca) if the billing period for the surcharge—
 - (i) begins before 2020 and ends in 2020;
 - (ii) begins before 2020 and ends after 2020; or
 - (iii) begins in 2020 and ends after 2020,

at the rate calculated in accordance with the formula specified in Part III of Schedule 5; or".

(4) Section 3(1)—

Repeal paragraph (d)

Substitute

- "(d) if the billing period for the surcharge—
 - (i) begins on or after 1 August 2009 and ends before 1 January 2020; or
 - (ii) begins on or after 1 January 2021, at the rate specified in column 4 of Schedule 1,".
- (5) After section 3(1)—

Add

- "(1A) For a billing period for trade effluent surcharge that begins and ends in 2020, the rate of the surcharge is \$0.".
- 4. Schedule 1 amended (trade effluent surcharge rates)

Schedule 1, column 4, heading, after "after 1 August 2009"—

Add

"and ending before 1 January 2020, or beginning on or after 1 January 2021".

5. Schedule 5 amended

Schedule 5, after Part II—

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Add

"Part III

Rates of Surcharge for Billing Period Specified in Section 3(1)(ca)

$$\frac{N1 \times R}{N1 + N2}$$

- (a) In this formula—
 - N1: number of days of the relevant billing period that do not fall within 2020;
 - N2: number of days of the relevant billing period that fall within 2020;
 - R: the rate that is specified for the trade, business or manufacture concerned in column 4 of Schedule 1.
- (b) In paragraph (a)—

relevant billing period (有關發單收費期間) means a billing period that—

- (i) begins before 2020 and ends in 2020;
- (ii) begins before 2020 and ends after 2020; or
- (iii) begins in 2020 and ends after 2020.".

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Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) Regulation (Cap. 463 sub. leg. B) to provide for the concessions of trade effluent surcharge for a billing period with any part of it falling within 2020.

Section 3

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Annex H

Mines (Safety) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) **Regulation 2019**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 67 of the Mining Ordinance (Cap. 285))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.

2. Mines (Safety) Regulations amended

> The Mines (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 285 sub. leg. B) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Regulation 22 amended (mine blasting certificate, and matters ancillary thereto)

After regulation 22(11)-

Add

- During the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive)
 - paragraph (4)(a) has effect as if the words "the fee specified in the Third Schedule" in that paragraph were substituted by "a fee of \$3,640";
 - paragraph (5)(a) has effect as if the words "on payment of the fee specified in the Third Schedule for successive periods of 3 years each" in that paragraph were substituted by "for a period of 3 years on payment of a fee of \$1,770";
 - paragraphs (5)(c) and (6)(b) have effect as if the words", on payment of the fee specified in the Third Schedule," in those paragraphs were omitted; and

- (d) paragraph (10) has effect as if the words ", upon payment of the fee specified in the Third Schedule" in that paragraph were omitted.
- (13) Paragraph (12) and this paragraph expire at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Mines (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 285 sub. leg. B) to—

- (a) revise the fee for the issue or renewal of a mine blasting certificate during the period from October 2019 to September 2020 (concession period); and
- (b) provide that no fee is payable during the concession period for—
 - (i) the endorsement of a mine blasting certificate; or
 - (ii) the replacement of a worn, defaced or lost mine blasting certificate.

Dangerous Goods (General) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 5 of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.

2. Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations amended

The Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations (Cap. 295 sub. leg. B) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Regulation 183 amended (licences and permits)

After regulation 183(6)—

Add

- "(6A) During the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive), the Table to paragraph (1) has effect as if the fees specified in items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of that Table were zero.
- (6B) Paragraph (6A) and this paragraph expire at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

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Dangerous Goods (General)	(Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 201
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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations (Cap. 295 sub. leg. B) to provide that no fee is payable during the period from October 2019 to September 2020 for—

- (a) the grant or renewal of licences or permits relating to the manufacture, storage, movement or discharge of certain dangerous goods in category 1 (explosives and blasting agents);
- (b) the issue of a duplicate of those licences or permits; and
- (c) the making of an alteration or addition to, or endorsement on, those licences or permits.

Dangerous Goods (Government Explosives Depots) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 13E of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.

2. Dangerous Goods (Government Explosives Depots) Regulations amended

The Dangerous Goods (Government Explosives Depots) Regulations (Cap. 295 sub. leg. D) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Regulation 13A added

After regulation 13-

Add

"13A. Storage fees and delivery fees not payable between October 2019 and September 2020

- (1) Regulation 12 does not apply in relation to storage during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive).
- (2) Regulation 13 does not apply in relation to delivery during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive).
- (3) This regulation expires at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

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Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Dangerous Goods (Government Explosives Depots) Regulations (Cap. 295 sub. leg. D) to provide that no fee is payable for—

- (a) the storage of explosives and explosive accessories in a Government Explosives Depot during the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (concession period); and
- (b) the delivery of explosives and explosive accessories from the Depot to another place by the Government during the concession period.

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Building (Minor Works) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 38(1A) of the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 21 October 2019.
- (2) Sections 3(2), 4(2), 5(2), 6(2), 7(2), 8(2), 9(2), (4), (6), (9), (11) and (13), 10(2), (4) and (6), 11(2), (4) and (6), 12(2), (4) and (6), 13(3), (5) and (7), 14(3), (5) and (7) and 15(2) come into operation on 21 October 2020.

2. Building (Minor Works) (Fees) Regulation amended

The Building (Minor Works) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 123 sub. leg. O) is amended as set out in sections 3 to 15.

3. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

(1) Section 2(1)—

Add in alphabetical order

"concession period (寬免期) means the period from 21 October 2019 to 20 October 2020 (both dates inclusive);".

(2) Section 2(1)—

Repeal the definition of concession period.

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- 4. Section 4 amended (fee for application for registration as registered minor works contractor for one or more items of class III minor works)
 - (1) Section 4(b)—

Repeal

everything after "other case"

Substitute

"

- (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time— \$155.".
- (2) Section 4(b)—

Repeal

everything after "in any other"

Substitute

"case, \$155.".

- 5. Section 5 amended (fee for application for renewal of registration for one or more items of class III minor works)
 - (1) Section 5—

Repeal

everything after "contractor is"

Substitute

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(a) for an application received during the concession period—\$70; or

(b) for an application received at any other time—\$105.".

(2) Section 5—

Section 6

Repeal

everything after "contractor is"

Substitute

"\$105.".

- 6. Section 6 amended (fee for application for restoration of name to register for one or more items of class III minor works)
 - (1) Section 6—

Repeal

everything after "register is"

Substitute

"__

- (a) for an application received during the concession period—\$70; or
- (b) for an application received at any other time—\$105.".
- (2) Section 6—

Repeal

everything after "register is"

Substitute

"\$105.".

- 7. Section 7 amended (fee for application for registration of additional items of class III minor works)
 - (1) Section 7(b)—

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Section 8

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Repeal

everything after "other case"

Substitute

"

- (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$155.".
- (2) Section 7(b)—

Repeal

everything after "in any other"

Substitute

"case, \$155.".

- 8. Section 8 amended (fee for request for review: application relating to one or more items of class III minor works)
 - (1) Section 8(1)—

Repeal

everything after "application is"

Substitute

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- (a) for a request received during the concession period—\$0; or
- (b) for a request received at any other time—\$110.".
- (2) Section 8(1)—

Repeal

everything after "application is"

Substitute

"\$110.".

- 9. Section 10 amended (fee for application for registration as registered minor works contractor for one or more types of minor works under one or more classes)
 - (1) Section 10(1)(a)—

Repeal

everything after "class I"

Substitute

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- (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$2,920;".
- (2) Section 10(1)(a)—

Repeal

everything after "class I"

Substitute

", \$2,920;".

(3) Section 10(1)(b)—

Repeal

everything after "class II"

Substitute

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(i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or

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- (ii) for an application received at any other time— \$1,100; or".
- (4) Section 10(1)(b)—

Repeal

everything after "class II"

Substitute

", \$1,100; or".

(5) Section 10(1)(c)—

Repeal

everything after "only"

Substitute

"—

- (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time— \$730.".
- (6) Section 10(1)(c)—

Repeal

everything after "only"

Substitute

", \$730.".

(7) Section 10(3), Chinese text-

Repeal

"如有關的人"

Substitute

"為施行第(2)款而指明的款額為".

(8) Section 10(3)—

Repeal paragraph (a)

Substitute

"(a) in the case of a proposed class I authorized signatory—

- (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$2,440;".
- (9) Section 10(3)(a)—

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$2,440;".

(10) Section 10(3)—

Repeal paragraph (b)

Substitute

- "(b) in the case of a proposed class II authorized signatory—
 - (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$810; or".
- (11) Section 10(3)(b)—

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$810; or".

(12) Section 10(3)—

Repeal paragraph (c)

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Substitute

- "(c) in the case of a proposed class III authorized signatory—
 - (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$560.".
- (13) Section 10(3)(c)—

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$560.".

- 10. Section 11 amended (fee for registration as registered minor works contractor for one or more types of minor works under one or more classes)
 - (1) Section 11(a)—

Repeal

everything after "class I"

Substitute

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- (i) if paid during the concession period—\$395; or
- (ii) if paid at any other time-\$595;".
- (2) Section 11(a)—

Repeal

everything after "class I"

Substitute

", \$595;".

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(3) Section 11(b)—

Repeal

everything after "class II"

Substitute

"__

- (i) if paid during the concession period—\$395; or
- (ii) if paid at any other time—\$595; or".
- (4) Section 11(b)—

Repeal

everything after "class II"

Substitute

", \$595; or".

(5) Section 11(c)—

Repeal

everything after "only"

Substitute

"

- (i) if paid during the concession period—\$395; or
- (ii) if paid at any other time-\$595.".
- (6) Section 11(c)—

Repeal

everything after "only"

Substitute

", \$595.".

11. Section 12 amended (fee for application for renewal of registration for one or more types of minor works under one or more classes)

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(1) Section 12(a)—

Repeal

everything after "class I"

Substitute

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- (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$755; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$1,130;".
- (2) Section 12(a)—

Repeal

everything after "class I"

Substitute

", \$1,130;".

(3) Section 12(b)—

Repeal

everything after "class II"

Substitute

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- (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$555; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$835; or".
- (4) Section 12(b)—

Repeal

everything after "class II"

Substitute

", \$835; or".

(5) Section 12(c)—

Repeal

everything after "only"

Substitute

- for an application received during the concession period-\$285; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time-\$425.".
- (6) Section 12(c)—

Repeal

everything after "only"

Substitute

", \$425.".

- Section 13 amended (fee for application for restoration of name 12. to register for one or more types of minor works under one or more classes)
 - (1) Section 13(a)—

Repeal

everything after "class I"

Substitute

for an application received during the concession period-\$865; or

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- (ii) for an application received at any other time— \$1,300;".
- Section 13(a)—

Repeal

everything after "class I"

Substitute

", \$1,300;".

Section 13(b)—

Repeal

everything after "class II"

Substitute

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- (i) for an application received during the concession period-\$610; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time-\$915; or".
- Section 13(b)—

Repeal

everything after "class II"

Substitute

", \$915; or".

(5) Section 13(c)—

Repeal

everything after "only"

Substitute

"

(i) for an application received during the concession period—\$290; or

- (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$435.".
- (6) Section 13(c)—

Repeal

everything after "only"

Substitute

", \$435.".

13. Section 14 amended (fee for application for registration of additional classes or types of minor works)

(1) Section 14(2), Chinese text—

Repeal

"如有關的人"

Substitute

"為施行第(1)款而指明的款額為".

(2) Section 14(2)—

Repeal paragraph (a)

Substitute

- "(a) in the case of a proposed class I authorized signatory—
 - (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$2,700;".
- (3) Section 14(2)(a)—

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$2,700;".

(4) Section 14(2)—

Repeal paragraph (b)

Substitute

"(b) in the case of a proposed class II authorized signatory—

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- (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
- (ii) for an application received at any other time— \$965; or".
- (5) Section 14(2)(b)—

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$965; or".

(6) Section 14(2)—

Repeal paragraph (c)

Substitute

- "(c) in the case of a proposed class III authorized signatory—
 - for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$615.".
- (7) Section 14(2)(c)—

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$615.".

14. Section 15 amended (fee for application for approval of nomination of additional authorized signatory)

(1) Section 15, Chinese text—

Repeal

everything after "外," and before paragraph (a)

Substitute

"根據《小型工程規例》第 24(2)(b)條須就要求核准提名額外的個人作為獲授權簽署人的申請而繳付的費用為 ——".

(2) Section 15—

Repeal paragraph (a)

Substitute

- "(a) if the individual is a proposed class I authorized signatory—
 - (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$2,700;".
- (3) Section 15(a)—

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$2,700;".

(4) Section 15—

Repeal paragraph (b)

Substitute

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- "(b) if the individual is a proposed class II authorized signatory—
 - (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$965; or".
- (5) Section 15(b)---

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$965; or".

(6) Section 15—

Repeal paragraph (c)

Substitute

- "(c) if the individual is a proposed class III authorized signatory—
 - (i) for an application received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for an application received at any other time—\$615.".
- (7) Section 15(c)—

Repeal

everything after "signatory"

Substitute

", \$615.".

- 15. Section 17 amended (fee for request for review: application relating to one or more types of minor works under one or more classes)
 - (1) Section 17—

Repeal subsection (2)

Substitute

- "(2) The amounts specified for the purposes of subsection (1) are—
 - (a) if the highest class of minor works in which the individual is involved is class I—
 - . (i) for a request received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for a request received at any other time— \$1,240;
 - (b) if the highest class of minor works in which the individual is involved is class II—
 - (i) for a request received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for a request received at any other time— \$835; or
 - (c) if the individual is involved in class III minor works only—
 - (i) for a request received during the concession period—\$0; or
 - (ii) for a request received at any other time— \$410.".
- (2) Section 17—

Repeal subsection (2)

Substitute

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- "(2) The amounts specified for the purposes of subsection (1) are—
 - (a) if the highest class of minor works in which the individual is involved is class I—\$1,240;
 - (b) if the highest class of minor works in which the individual is involved is class II—\$835; or
 - (c) if the individual is involved in class III minor works only—\$410.".

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Building (Minor Works) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 123 sub. leg. O) to waive or reduce certain fees related to the registration of registered minor works contractors during the period from 21 October 2019 to 20 October 2020. After the period, the fees will be restored to the figures before the amendment.

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Karaoke Establishments (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 21 of the Karaoke Establishments Ordinance (Cap. 573) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.
- (2) Section 4(2) comes into operation on 1 October 2020.

2. Karaoke Establishments (Fees) Regulation amended

The Karaoke Establishments (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 573 sub. leg. B) is amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Section 4 added

After section 3-

Add

"4. Concessions on fees payable from October 2019 to September 2020

- (1) This section has effect despite section 3.
- (2) Subject to subsection (6), the specified fee for item 1 of the Schedule is reduced for the grant of a permit by \$1,770 if the application for the grant is made within the concession period.
- (3) Subject to subsections (6) and (7), the specified fee for item 3 of the Schedule is reduced for a renewal of a

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- permit by \$620 if the term of the renewal begins within the concession period.
- (4) The specified fee for item 4 of the Schedule is waived for the grant of a provisional permit if the application for the grant is made within the concession period.
- (5) The specified fee for item 6 of the Schedule is waived for a renewal of a provisional permit if the term of the renewal begins within the concession period.
- (6) The total amount of fees reduced under subsections (2) and (3) for the grant of a permit specified in item 1 of the Schedule and any renewal of the permit must not exceed \$1,770.
- (7) The total amount of fees reduced under subsection (3) for a renewal and any further renewal of a permit specified in item 3 of the Schedule must not exceed \$620.
- (8) Subject to subsection (12), the specified fee for each of items 7(a), 7(b), 7(c), 7(d) and 7(e) of the Schedule is reduced for the issue of a licence specified opposite to the fee by an amount equal to half of the fee if the application for the issue is made within the concession period.
- (9) Subject to subsections (12) and (13), the specified fee for each of items 9(a), 9(b), 9(c), 9(d) and 9(e) of the Schedule is reduced for a renewal of a licence specified opposite to the fee by an amount equal to half of the fee if the term of the renewal begins within the concession period.
- (10) The specified fee for item 10 of the Schedule is waived for the issue of a provisional licence if the application for the issue is made within the concession period.

- (11) The specified fee for item 12 of the Schedule is waived for a renewal of a provisional licence if the term of the renewal begins within the concession period.
- (12) The total amount of fees reduced under subsections (8) and (9) for the issue of a licence specified in any of items 7(a), 7(b), 7(c), 7(d) and 7(e) of the Schedule and any renewal of the licence must not exceed the amount equal to half of the specified fee for the item.
- (13) The total amount of fees reduced under subsection (9) for a renewal and any further renewal of a licence specified in any of items 9(a), 9(b), 9(c), 9(d) and 9(e) of the Schedule must not exceed the amount equal to half of the specified fee for the item.
- (14) In this section—
- concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive);
- specified fee (指明費用), in relation to an item of the Schedule, means the fee specified for the item in column 3 of the Schedule.
- (15) This section expires at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

4. Schedule amended (fees)

(1) The Schedule-

Repeal

"s. 3]"

Substitute

"ss. 3 & 41".

(2) The Schedule—

Repeal

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"ss. 3 & 4]"

Substitute

"s. 3]".

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2019

Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Karaoke Establishments (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 573 sub. leg. B) (the principal Regulation) to provide for concessions on certain fees payable in respect of the operation of a karaoke establishment under the principal Regulation for an application or renewal of a permit or licence within the period from October 2019 to September 2020.

Travel Agents (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 50(2) of the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.
- Section 4(2) comes into operation on 1 October 2020.

2. Travel Agents Regulations amended

The Travel Agents Regulations (Cap. 218 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Regulation 12A added

After regulation 12-

Add

"12A. Concessions on fees payable from October 2019 to September 2020

- (1) This regulation has effect despite regulations 8(1) and 12.
- (2) The fee specified in item 1 of the First Schedule is waived for an application for a licence made within the concession period.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4), the fee specified in item 2 of the First Schedule is waived for a licence or the renewal

- of a licence if the term of the licence begins within the concession period.
- (4) The total amount of fees waived under paragraph (3) for a licence and its renewal (whether renewed on one or more occasions) must not exceed \$5,820.
- The fee specified in item 4(a) of the First Schedule is waived for amending a licence to permit, from a date within the concession period, carrying on business at an additional address.
- The fee specified in item 5 of the First Schedule is waived for issuing a duplicate of a licence under regulation 12(a) if the term of the licence indicated on the duplicate begins within the concession period.
- If a licence is amended to permit, from a date within the concession period, carrying on business at an additional address as mentioned in regulation 12(b), the fee specified in item 5 of the First Schedule is waived for issuing a duplicate of the licence.
- The fee specified in item 5 of the First Schedule is waived for issuing a duplicate of a licence under regulation 12(c) within the concession period.
- In this regulation—
- concession period (質免期) means the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive);

term of the licence (牌照有效期) means—

- (a) in relation to a licence—the period of validity of the licence; and
- (b) in relation to a renewal of a licence—the period of validity of the renewed licence.

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(10) This regulation expires at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

4. First Schedule amended (fees)

(1) First Schedule—

Repeal

"& 121"

Substitute

", 12 & 12A]".

(2) First Schedule—

Repeal

", 12 & 12A]"

Substitute

"& 12]".

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2019

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Travel Agents Regulations (Cap. 218 sub. leg. A) (*the principal Regulations*) to provide for concessions on certain fees payable in respect of a travel agent's licence under the principal Regulations within the period from October 2019 to September 2020.

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Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

Section 1

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Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury under section 88 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 1 November 2019.
- (2) Sections 5(2) and 6(2) come into operation on 1 November 2020.

2. Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation amended The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. J) is amended as set out in sections 3 to 6.

3. Section 5A added

After section 5—

Add

"5A. Concessions on fees for certain applications

- (1) This section applies to a local vessel that is—
 - (a) a Class I, II or III vessel; or
 - (b) a Class IV vessel that is let for hire or reward for an intended service that involves the carriage of passengers if there is in force in respect of the vessel a certificate of inspection or certificate of

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survey that complies with section 6(3) of the Certification and Licensing Regulation.

- (2) The fee and any additional fee payable in respect of an application made—
 - (a) under section 15 of the Certification and Licensing Regulation for the issue of a full licence;
 - (b) under section 17 of the Certification and Licensing Regulation for the renewal of a full licence; or
 - (c) under section 19 of the Certification and Licensing Regulation for the issue or renewal of a temporary licence,

in respect of a local vessel (as calculated in accordance with section 4 and Part 2 of Schedule 1) are waived if the application is made within the concession period.

- (3) The fee payable in respect of an application made under section 21 of the Certification and Licensing Regulation for the grant of a permission for a laid-up vessel in respect of a local vessel (as calculated in accordance with section 5 and Part 2 of Schedule 1) is waived if the application is made within the concession period.
- (4) If taking into account—
 - (a) the validity period of each full licence or temporary licence issued in respect of a local vessel pursuant to an application made within the concession period;
 - (b) the validity period of each full licence or temporary licence renewed in respect of a local vessel pursuant to an application made within the concession period; and

 the validity period of each permission for a laid-up vessel granted in respect of a local vessel pursuant to an application made within the concession period,

the aggregate validity period exceeds 12 months by a period (excess period), then, in respect of the last of those licences and permissions (last document) issued, renewed or granted in respect of the local vessel, the amount of fee and any additional fee that are waived under subsection (2) or (3) (as the case may be) is reduced by an amount equal to the fee and any additional fee that would, but for the operation of this section, have been payable for the last document under this Regulation for the excess period.

(5) In this section—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 (both dates inclusive);

validity period (有效期) means—

- (a) in relation to a full licence or a temporary licence—the period of validity of the licence;
- (b) in relation to a renewal of a full licence or a temporary licence—the period of validity of the renewed licence; or
- (c) in relation to a permission for a laid-up vessel—the period of validity of the permission.
- (6) This section expires at midnight on 31 October 2020.".

4. Section 8A added

Part 4, after section 8-

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Add

"8A. Concessions on fees for certain matters under General Regulation

- (1) The fee payable for—
 - (a) the grant of a permit to remain under section 41; or
 - (b) the renewal of a permit to remain under section 42, of the General Regulation (as calculated in accordance with section 8 and item 3 of Schedule 2) is waived if the validity period of the permit granted or renewed commences within the period from 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 (both dates inclusive).
- (2) In this section—

permit to remain (停留許可證) has the meaning given by section 2 of the General Regulation.

- (3) This section expires at midnight on 31 October 2020.".
- 5. Schedule 1 amended (fees prescribed for purposes of Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation)
 - (1) Schedule 1—

Repeal

"5 & 7]"

Substitute

"5, 5A & 7]".

(2) Schedule 1—

Repeal

"5, 5A & 7]"

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Substitute

"5 & 7]".

- 6. Schedule 2 amended (fees prescribed for purposes of Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation)
 - (1) Schedule 2—

Repeal

"[s. 8]"

Substitute

"[ss. 8 & 8A]".

(2) Schedule 2—

Repeal

"[ss. 8 & 8A]"

Substitute

"[s. 8]".

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

2019

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Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. J) by adding new sections 5A and 8A to provide for the concessions for 1 year—

- (a) on the fees (and any additional fees) payable in respect of an application—
 - (i) for the issue or renewal of a full licence, or a temporary licence; or
 - (ii) for the grant of a permission for a laid-up vessel, in respect of a local vessel that is a Class I, II or III vessel or is a Class IV vessel with a certificate of inspection or certificate of survey; and
- (b) on the fees payable for the grant or renewal of a permit to remain.

Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

Section 1

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Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 7(1) of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 30 December 2019.
- (2) Sections 4 and 5(2) come into operation on 30 December 2020.

Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations amended The Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374

sub. leg. D) are amended as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

3. Part X added

After Part IX-

Add

"Part X

Temporary Fee Concessions

64. Interpretation of Part X

In this Part—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 30 December 2019 to 29 December 2020 (both dates inclusive).

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65. Certain fees for passenger service licences waived

- Subject to subregulations (2) and (3), if a passenger service licence issued or extended under regulation 6 takes effect within the concession period, the fee payable under regulation 10(2) for the issue or extension of the licence is waived.
- (2) The waiver under subregulation (1) of the fee specified for item 3 of Part A of Schedule 1 applies only to a student service described in section 27(5)(a) of the Ordinance.
- (3) The total amount of fees waived under subregulation (1) in respect of a passenger service licence, or 2 or more passenger service licences that bear the same passenger service licence number, must not exceed \$396.

66. Certain fees for passenger service licence certificates waived

- (1) Subject to subregulations (2), (3) and (4), if a certificate issued under regulation 12(1) (passenger service licence certificate) takes effect within the concession period, the fee payable under regulation 12(1)(b) for the issue of the certificate is waived.
- (2) The waiver under subregulation (1) of the fee specified for item 3 of Part B of Schedule 1 applies only to a private bus used for operating a student service described in section 27(5)(a) of the Ordinance.
- (3) The total amount of fees waived under subregulation (1) in respect of 2 or more passenger service licence certificates that—
 - (a) are issued for operating the same vehicle on a scheduled service; and

- bear the same passenger service licence number, must not exceed \$160.
- (4) The total amount of fees waived under subregulation (1) in respect of 2 or more passenger service licence certificates that
 - are issued for operating the same vehicle on a service other than a scheduled service; and
 - (b) bear the same passenger service licence number, must not exceed \$160.

67. Certain fees for hire car permits waived

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), if a hire car permit (other than one for an airport hire car service or school hire car service) issued under regulation 14(3), 16(2) or 17(2) takes effect within the concession period, the fee payable under regulation 14(3) for the issue of the permit is waived.
- (2) The total amount of fees waived under subregulation (1) in respect of 2 or more hire car permits that are issued for the same type of hire car service in respect of the same private car must not exceed \$1,000.".

4. Part X repealed (temporary fee concessions)

Part X—

Repeal the Part.

5. Schedule 1 amended

(1) Schedule 1-

Repeal

"& 12]"

Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

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Substitute

", 12, 65 & 66]".

Schedule 1-

Repeal

", 12, 65 & 66]"

Substitute

"& 12]".

Secretary for Transport and Housing

2019

Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. D) (principal Regulations) to waive the fees payable for the issue, extension or renewal of certain passenger service licences, certain passenger service licence certificates or certain hire car permits under the principal Regulations.

Dutiable Commodities (Liquor Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Secretary for Food and Health under section 6A of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.
- (2) Section 4(2) comes into operation on 1 October 2020.

2. Dutiable Commodities (Liquor Licences) (Fees) Regulation amended

The Dutiable Commodities (Liquor Licences) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 109 sub. leg. H) is amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Section 3 added

After section 2—

Add

"3. Concessions on fees from October 2019 to September 2020

- (1) This section has effect despite section 2(1).
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), item 1(a)(i) or (b)(i) or 2(a)(i) or (b)(i) of Part 2 of the Schedule has effect in relation to a specified licence as if the amount specified in column 3 of that Part for the item were substituted by "\$0".
- (3) If—

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- (a) 2 or more licences, each being a specified licence, are issued in respect of the same premises;
- (b) the effective date of each of those licences falls within the concession period; and
- (c) the aggregate period of those licences exceeds 12 months by a period (excess period),

then the amount of fee that is waived in respect of the last of those licences under subsection (2) is reduced by an amount equals to the fee that would, apart from that subsection, have been payable for that licence for the excess period.

(4) For a specified licence that is valid for more than one year, the fee specified in column 3 of Part 2 of the Schedule for item 1(a)(ii) or (b)(ii) or 2(a)(ii) or (b)(ii) of that Part is to be reduced by an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula—

$$\frac{F}{M} \times 12$$

where---

- F = the fee specified for item 1(a)(ii) or (b)(ii) or 2(a)(ii) or (b)(ii) (as the case may be) in column 3 of Part 2 of the Schedule for the relevant specified licence; and
- M = the number of months for which the relevant specified licence is valid.
- (5) In this section—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive);

specified licence (指明牌照) means—

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- (a) a newly issued liquor licence that takes effect within the concession period; or
- (b) a renewed liquor licence the renewal of which takes effect within the concession period.
- (6) This section expires at midnight on 30 September 2020.".

4. Schedule amended (fees in respect of liquor licences)

(1) The Schedule—

Repeal

"[s. 2]"

Substitute

"[ss. 2 & 3]".

(2) The Schedule—

Repeal

"[ss. 2 & 3]"

Substitute

"[s. 2]".

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	Secretary for Food and Health
2019	

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Regulation 2019

Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Dutiable Commodities (Liquor Licences) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 109 sub. leg. H) to provide for concessions on certain fees payable in respect of the issue or renewal of liquor licences under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109) within the period from October 2019 to September 2020.

Places of Public Entertainment (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Secretary for Home Affairs under section 7(1)(ad) of the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive);

effective date (生效日期)—

- (a) in relation to the grant of a licence or provisional licence, means the date on which the licence becomes valid; and
- (b) in relation to the renewal of a licence or provisional licence, means the date on which the renewed licence becomes valid;
- licence (牌照) means a licence granted or renewed in respect of a place of public entertainment to which regulation 3 of the principal Regulations applies;
- principal Regulations (《主體規例》) means the Places of Public Entertainment Regulations (Cap. 172 sub. leg. A);
- provisional licence (臨時牌照) means a licence granted under regulation 3A or renewed under regulation 3B of the principal Regulations.

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Places of Public Entertainment (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

Section 3 2

3. Concessions on fees for grant or renewal of provisional licence

- (1) The fee specified for the grant of a provisional licence in regulation 3C of the principal Regulations is waived in respect of the grant of the licence if the effective date of the grant falls within the concession period.
- (2) The fee specified for the renewal of a provisional licence in regulation 3C of the principal Regulations is waived in respect of the renewal of the licence if the effective date of the renewal falls within the concession period.

4. Concessions on fees for grant or renewal of licence

The fee specified for item 1(a), (b), (c) or (d) or item 3 of the Schedule to the Places of Public Entertainment (Licences) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 172 sub. leg. E) is waived in respect of the grant or renewal of a licence that is within the description of the matter set out in that item, if the effective date of the grant or renewal falls within the concession period.

Secretary for Home Affairs

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for concessions on fees payable in respect of the operation of certain places of public entertainment under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172) within the period from October 2019 to September 2020.

Construction Workers Registration (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

Section 1

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Section 3

Construction Workers Registration (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(Made by the Construction Industry Council under section 63 of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583) subject to the approval of the Secretary for Development)

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2019.

2. Construction Workers Registration (Fees) Regulation amended

The Construction Workers Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 583 sub. leg. B) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Section 10A added

After section 10-

Add

"10A. No fee for certain applications made between October 2019 and September 2020

- (1) Despite sections 3, 3A, 5, 6, 6A and 6B, if—
 - (a) an application for registration to which section 3, 3A or 5 applies; or
 - (b) an application for renewal of registration to which section 6, 6A or 6B applies,

is made within the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 (both dates inclusive), the fee payable for the application is \$0.

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Construction Workers Registration (Fees) (Amendment) (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2019

(2)	This section 2020.".	expires	at	midnight	on	30	September
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	2019						

Explanatory Note Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Construction Workers Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 583 sub. leg. B) by adding a new section 10A to prescribe that if—

- (a) an application for registration under section 39(1) of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583); or
- (b) an application for renewal of registration under section 44(5) of that Ordinance,

is made between October 2019 and September 2020, the fee payable for the application is \$0.

Proposed Waiver of Fees and Charges

	Initiative	Estimated Revenue Forgone (\$ million)	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Implementation
1.	Port facilities and light dues payable for ocean-going vessels ("OGV") and high speed crafts ("HSC")	187	25 400 OGV and 87 700 HSC arrivals	1 October 2019
2.	Permit to Remain fees payable by river-trade vessels ("RTV")	103	67 600 RTV arrivals	1 November 2019
3.	Licence fees of all local vessels, namely Classes I (passenger), II (working), III (fishing) and IV (pleasure) vessels (Note 1)	24	9 600 licensed local vessels	1 November 2019
4.	Vehicle Entry Ticket fee for the first hour payable by trucks entering the Public Cargo Working Areas	28	856 500 truck entries	1 October 2019
5.	Operation Area Permit fee payable by the Public Cargo Working Areas operators	12	Operators of 123 operation areas	1 October 2019
6.	Closed road permit fees for cross boundary goods vehicles, buses and hire cars	7.2	14 400 vehicles	30 December 2019
7.	Vehicle licence fees for registered commercial vehicles (Note 2)	543	177 400 commercial vehicles	30 December 2019
8.	Vehicle examination fees for registered commercial vehicles (Note 2)	135	177 400 commercial vehicles	30 December 2019
9.	Fees payable for the new issue or renewal of Passenger Service Licence ("PSL") for eligible types of vehicles (Note 3)	0.5	2 100 PSL holders	30 December 2019
10.	Fees payable for the new issue or renewal of Passenger Service Licence Certificate for eligible types of vehicles (Note 3)	2.6	11 600 vehicles	30 December 2019
11.	Fees payable for the new issue or renewal of Hire Car Permits (Note 4)	1.3	1 200 permit holders	30 December 2019

	Initiative	Estimated Revenue Forgone (\$ million)	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Implementation
12.	Fees for new issue or renewal of a licence for fixed pitch hawker and itinerant hawker licence and fees for the allocation and use of fixed pitches	28.6	5 900 licensees	1 October 2019
13.	Fees for new issue or renewal of a licence or provisional licence for general, marine restaurants, light refreshments restaurants and factory canteens	86.3	16 300 licensees	1 October 2019
14.	Fees for new issue or renewal of a liquor licence	15	8 500 licensees	1 October 2019
15.	Fees for new issue or renewal of a restricted food permit	4.2	8 100 permit holders	1 October 2019
16.	Fees for new issue or renewal of a licence or provisional licence for fresh provision shops	24.6	2 700 licensees	1 October 2019
17.	Fees for new issue or renewal of a licence or provisional licence for bakeries, siu mei and lo mei shops and composite food shops	3.4	940 licensees	1 October 2019
18.	Fees for new issue or renewal of a licence or provisional licence for food factories, frozen confection factories, milk factories and cold stores	60.7	8 400 licensees	1 October 2019
19.	Renewal fees of a licence for slaughterhouses	0.3	3 licensees	1 October 2019
20.	Fees for grant or renewal of a marine fish culture licence and fees for renewal of a livestock keeping licence	2.3	1 000 licensees	1 October 2019
21.	Trade effluent surcharge	248	30 000 businesses	1 January 2020
22.	Fees for mine blasting certificate, licence/permit in respect of the storage and delivery of Category 1 dangerous goods explosives	22.9	142 shot firers/ contractors/ explosives suppliers/ store owners	1 October 2019
23.	Fees relating to registration of minor works contractors under the Building (Minor Works) (Fees) Regulation	4.3	19 600 contractors	21 October 2019

	Initiative	Estimated Revenue Forgone (\$ million)	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Implementation
24.	Fees for new issue or renewal of hotel / guesthouse licences	12.6	2 180 licensees	1 October 2019
25.	Fees for new issue or renewal of licences and provisional licences for cinemas under the Places of Public Entertainment Regulations	1.1	80 licensees	1 October 2019
26.	Fees payable for the new issue and renewal of a permit, provisional permit, licence and provisional licence for karaoke establishment	0.1	100 licensees	1 October 2019
27.	Fees for new issue, renewal or duplicate of a licence for travel agents and fees for amending a licence for additional addresses	11.3	1 800 travel agents	1 October 2019
28.	Registration and renewal fees payable to the Construction Industry Council for Registered Workers under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance	10	120 000 workers	1 October 2019
	Total	1,579.3		

- Note 1: Only pleasure vessels let for hire or reward are included.
- Note 2: Commercial vehicles include goods vehicle, special purpose vehicle, trailer, taxi, non-franchised public bus, franchised public bus (vehicle examination fee only, as vehicle licence fee of franchised buses has already been waived under the Elderly Concessionary Fare Scheme since 1993), private bus, light bus (both public and private) and hire car.
- Note 3: Eligible types of vehicles include non-franchised public bus, private bus for student service, and public light bus (including both red and green public light buses).
- Note 4: Eligible types of Hire Car Permits include hotel hire car service, tour hire car service, private service hire car, private hire car service (limousine) and private hire car service (limousine cross boundary).
- Note 5: Eight groups of fee waiving proposals (including 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24) can be implemented by the Government administratively. No additional subsidiary legislation will be required.