

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)

Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) (Amendment) Notice 2019

INTRODUCTION

The Airport Authority, with the approval of the Commissioner for Transport, has made a notice to update the prohibited and restricted zones in the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) Notice (Cap. 374 sub. leg. U) under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374).

BACKGROUND

2. Regulation 14(1) of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. G), as modified by section 1 of Part V of Schedule 2 to the Airport Authority Bylaw (Cap. 483 sub. leg. A), provides that the Airport Authority with the approval of the Commissioner for Transport may, by notice in the Gazette, designate any area as a prohibition zone or a restricted zone.

3. The Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) Notice (Cap. 374 sub. leg. U) was last amended by the Airport Authority with the approval of the Commissioner for Transport by way of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones)(Amendment) Notice 2018 (L.N. 22 of 2018). In the light of the commissioning of the extension of Terminal 1; closure of Terminal 2 for expansion in end 2019; and the recent development and operational needs at the Hong Kong International Airport, it is necessary to update the prohibited and restricted zones at the airport.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Prohibited Zones

4. The following amendments are made to the prohibited zones as stipulated in Schedule 1 to Cap. 374 sub. leg. U –
- (a) the extent of Kwo Lo Wan Road mentioned in item 2(e) is revised to allow public access to the new development at Kwo Lo Wan Road;
 - (b) the Coach Station mentioned in item 2(n) is relocated to maintain smooth coach operation as the existing location is reserved for the expansion of Terminal 2;
 - (c) the plan showing all designated roads at Chek Lap Kok mentioned in item 3 is updated in view of the completion of construction works for Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge; and
 - (d) items 8(a) and 8(b) are added to cover part of Kwo Lo Wan Road and part of Tung Fai Road in view of site constraints for vehicle exceeding 11m in overall length to enter the concerned road sections.

Restricted Zones

5. The following amendments are made to the restricted zones stipulated in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to Cap. 374 sub. leg. U –
- (a) the extent of Cheong Hong Road mentioned in items 1(b)(iii) and 5(a) are revised to cater for the extended drop-off area;
 - (b) the extent at South Perimeter Road, East Coast Road, Chek Lap Kok South Road and Tung Fai Road mentioned in items 1(e), 1(f), 1(q) and 6 respectively are revised in view of the completion of construction works for Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge;
 - (c) item 1(zr) is added for smooth operation of new development at Kwo Lo Wan Road;

- (d) items 1(zs) and (zt) are added to include Tung Wing Road and Chek Lap Kok Road in view of completion of construction works for Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge; and
- (e) item 7 is repealed due to re-description of Tung Fai Road by Lands Department.

TIMETABLE

- 6. The notice will be gazetted on 11 October 2019 and tabled at the Legislative Council on 16 October 2019.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

- 7. The proposed amendments are in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights, and have no economic, financial, civil service, productivity, environmental, sustainability, family and gender implications. The proposed amendments will not affect the current binding effect of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) (Designation of Prohibited and Restricted Zones) Notice (Cap. 374 sub. leg. U).

CONSULTATION

- 8. The proposed amendments are operational and technical in nature. The Airport Authority has consulted stakeholders of the relevant industry on the proposal and will continue to update stakeholders and collect feedback.

PUBLICITY

- 9. The Airport Authority will issue a press release when the notice comes into effect on 6 December 2019. The Airport Authority will announce details of the amendment to the public through Hong Kong International Airport's website, "HKG My Flight" mobile app and circulation of handbills at appropriate time.

ENQUIRIES

10. For enquiries on the brief, please contact Miss Winsome Au, Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) at 3509 8194.

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