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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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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

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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);
- (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.

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5. Schedule 2 amended (fees)

Schedule 2—

Repeal

"& 59]"

Substitute

", 59 & 64]".

6. Schedule 2 amended (fees)

Schedule 2—

Repeal

", 59 & 64]"

Substitute

"& 59]".

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COUNCIL CHAMBER

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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.