

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Airport Authority Ordinance (Cap. 483)

Airport Authority Ordinance (Map of Airport Area) (Amendment) Order 2021

INTRODUCTION

The existing Airport Authority Ordinance (Map of Airport Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) needs to be amended in order to reflect the changes in the boundaries of the Airport Area (“AA”) arising from the latest developments at Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”) and the commissioning of the Third Runway of the Three-Runway System (“3RS”) project.

BACKGROUND

2. Section 37 of the Airport Authority Ordinance (Cap. 483) (“AAO”) provides that the Director-General of Civil Aviation (“DGCA”), after consultation with the Airport Authority Hong Kong (“AAHK”), may by an order published in the Gazette describe and delineate, by reference to a map, the AA.

3. The map of the AA was first made in January 1998. The map was last updated in 2002 vide AAO (Map of Airport Area) Order (L.N. 198 of 2002). In light of the latest developments at HKIA and its 3RS project, there is a need to update the boundaries of the AA to reflect the changes. The updated maps of the AA would be made available for public inspection at the office of AAHK at the HKIA Tower.

THE AMENDMENT ORDER

4. The Airport Authority Ordinance (Map of Airport Area) (Amendment) Order 2021 (“Amendment Order”) amends the AAO (Map of Airport Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) by repealing and substituting

the current map being referred to. The following summarises the changes made to the boundaries of the AA:

Changes to the Airport Area to be effective from 31 May 2022

Development of HKIA

5. In order to strengthen Hong Kong's position as a leading international and regional aviation hub, HKIA will be expanded into a 3RS and AAHK has been taking forward the 3RS project as planned. The project includes reclamation of some 650 hectares of land north of the existing Airport Island for providing a host of new airport facilities to cater for the growing air traffic demand. According to AAHK's target, the commissioning of the Third Runway and its supporting taxiway systems as well as other associated airport support infrastructure (hereinafter referred to as "the Third Runway and associated infrastructure") is scheduled for 2022, after which the existing North Runway will be closed for about two years for reconfiguration into a new centre runway. The 3RS project is scheduled for completion in 2024.

6. Upon the commissioning of the Third Runway in 2022, the Third Runway and associated infrastructure on the reclaimed land to the north of the existing Airport Island have to be integrated with infrastructure on the existing Airport Island to ensure the safe and effective operation of HKIA as a whole. In this connection, it is proposed to expand the AA to cover the Third Runway and associated infrastructure as reflected in the map numbered AA 001 (Revision B) as referred to in section 2(1) of the AAO (Map of Airport Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) which will come into operation on 31 May 2022. This will allow sufficient time for AAHK to arrange the necessary training, familiarisation and operational drills with the airport stakeholders on and in the vicinity of the Third Runway for simulating a real operating environment, before the commissioning of the Third Runway in 2022.

7. In addition, it is also proposed to update the map of AA to reflect expansion or exclusion from the existing AA arising from the infrastructure completed at and in the vicinity of HKIA, which involves Ngong Ping 360 Cable Car system including the Airport Island Angle Station, lands resumed for the construction and commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HZMB") Hong Kong Link Road and Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities ("HKBCF") and so on, as reflected in the map numbered AA 001 (Revision B) as referred to in section 2(1) of the AAO (Map of

Airport Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) which will come into operation on 31 May 2022.

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Intermodal Transfer Terminal (ITT)

8. To provide a new road link serving transit passengers between the ITT at HKIA and the HKBCF Island, it is proposed to expand the AA to cover a bonded vehicular bridge to be built for the purpose and a staging area on the HKBCF Island (HKBCF staging area) as reflected in the maps numbered AA 001 (Revision C) and AA 002 (Version A) as referred to in section 2(1) of the AAO (Map of Airport Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) which will come into operation on 19 September 2022. It will allow the conduct of the required tests and necessary trial runs for the commissioning of the ITT by end 2022.

TIMETABLE

9. The legislative timetable will be –

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Tabling at the Legislative Council	25 August 2021

10. To align with the different effective dates required for the respective amendments on the maps of AA, it is proposed to bring the changes to the AA into effect in phases:

- (a) Inclusion of the Third Runway and associated infrastructure on the reclaimed area to the north of the existing Airport Island mentioned in paragraph 6 above and changes arising from other developments mentioned in paragraph 7 above should enter into effect on **31 May 2022**; and
- (b) Inclusion of the ITT bonded vehicular bridge and HKBCF staging area mentioned in paragraph 8 above should enter into effect on **19 September 2022**.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

11. The Amendment Order is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights, and has no economic, financial, civil service, productivity, environmental, sustainability, family and gender implications. The proposed amendments will not affect the current binding effect of the AAO.

CONSULTATION

12. The changes in the boundaries of the AA are operational and technical in nature. AAHK has consulted relevant stakeholders and will continue to engage stakeholders.

PUBLICITY

13. Relevant press releases will be issued in due course.

ENQUIRIES

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