

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Airport Authority Ordinance (Cap. 483)

Airport Authority Ordinance (Map of Restricted Area) (Amendment) Order 2020

INTRODUCTION

The existing Map of Restricted Area Order under the Airport Authority Ordinance (Cap. 483) (“AAO”) needs to be amended in order to reflect the changes in the boundaries of the Restricted Area (“RA”) arising from the latest developments in the facilities of Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”) and the construction of its Three-Runway System (“3RS”) project.

BACKGROUND

2. Section 37 of the 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 for the RA. The maps for the RA would be made available for public inspection at the office of AAHK at the HKIA Tower.

3. The maps for the RA were first made in February 1998. The maps were last updated in 2019 vide AAO (Map of Restricted Area) (Amendment) Order 2019 (L.N. 169 of 2019). In light of the latest developments at HKIA and its 3RS project, there is a need to update the boundaries of the RA to reflect the changes.

THE AMENDMENT ORDER

4. The Amendment Order amends the Schedule to the AAO (Map of Restricted Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. L) by repealing and substituting the current set of maps being referred to. The following summarises the

changes made to the boundaries of the RA:

- (a) to expand the RA to cover an area abutting the existing northern seawall of HKIA for facilitating the tunnel construction works of the Automated People Mover (“APM”) system and Baggage Handling System of 3RS project, as reflected in the map numbered AAO/RA/001 (Revision K) as referred to in section 1(a) of the Schedule to the AAO (Map of Restricted Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. L);
- (b) to expand the RA to cover an area abutting the existing northern seawall of HKIA for setting up an additional security control point to facilitate the construction of 3RS project, as reflected in the map numbered AAO/RA/001 (Revision K) as referred to in section 1(a) of the Schedule to the AAO (Map of Restricted Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. L);
- (c) to expand the RA to cover the new depot for the APM system (“the new APM Depot”) and its associated supporting offices, facilities and infrastructure at various levels for facilitating the commissioning and operation of the new APM Depot, as reflected in the maps numbered AAO/RA/001 (Revision K), AAO/RA/002 (Revision I) and AAO/RA/012 (Revision A) as referred to in sections 1(a), 1(b) and 1(d) of the Schedule to the AAO (Map of Restricted Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. L) respectively; and
- (d) to expand the RAs at Level 2 to Level 5 of the West Hall of the Passenger Terminal Building (“PTB”) to cover two sets of new escalators for improving access to the APM Route Recovery Line between West Hall of the PTB and Midfield Concourse, as reflected in the maps numbered AAO/RA/003 (Revision I), AAO/RA/004 (Revision I), AAO/RA/005 (Revision J) and AAO/RA/006 (Revision J) as referred to in section 1(b) of the Schedule to the AAO (Map of Restricted Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. L).

TIMETABLE

5. The legislative timetable will be –

Publication in the Gazette	27 November 2020
Tabling at the Legislative Council	2 December 2020
Date of Commencement	29 January 2021

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

6. 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

7. The changes in the boundaries of the RA are operational and technical in nature. AAHK has consulted stakeholders and will continue to engage stakeholders in the updating exercises.

PUBLICITY

8. AAHK will issue a press release when the Amendment Order comes into effect.

ENQUIRIES

9. For enquiries on the brief, please contact Miss Winsome Au, Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) at 3509 8194 or Mr. K F CHOI, Assistant Secretary (Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office) at 3153 2919.

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