

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

**Freight Containers (Safety) Ordinance
(Chapter 506)**

**Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020
(Commencement) Notice**

INTRODUCTION

This paper informs Members that the Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (Commencement) Notice (at **Annex**) (“the Commencement Notice”) will be published in the Gazette on 31 December 2020.

BACKGROUND

2. The Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (“the Amendment Ordinance”) was enacted by the Legislative Council on 5 November 2020 and was gazetted on 13 November 2020. The Amendment Ordinance seeks to amend the Freight Containers (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 506) to implement the latest requirements of the International Convention for Safe Containers, as promulgated by the International Maritime Organization, relating to the manufacture, use and examination of freight containers and the marking and fixing of safety approval plates. The Amendment Ordinance has yet to come into operation after its enactment.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

3. Under section 1(2) of the Amendment Ordinance, the Secretary for Transport and Housing has appointed 1 March 2021 as the day on which the Amendment Ordinance come into operation via the Commencement Notice. The Commencement Notice will be published in the Gazette on 31 December 2020 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 6 January 2021 for

negative vetting.

ENQUIRIES

4. Any enquiries on this brief can be addressed to Ms Joanne CHU, Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) (Tel: 3509 8162), or Mr CHOI Chi Chuen, Assistant Director of Marine (Multi-lateral Policy) (Tel: 2852 4408).

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2020 (Commencement) Notice**

Under section 1(2) of the Freight Containers (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (24 of 2020), I appoint 1 March 2021 as the day on which the Ordinance comes into operation.



Secretary for Transport and Housing

21 December 2020