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**PART I COMMENCEMENT OF DENTISTS REGISTRATION  
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2024 AND RELATED NEW FEE  
SCHEDULE**

**Dentists Registration (Fees) Regulation** (L.N. 137)

**Dentists Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2024  
(Commencement) Notice 2024** (L.N. 146)

L.N. 146

By L.N. 146, the Secretary for Health appoints 1 January 2025 as the day on which the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 22 of 2024) (“Amendment Ordinance”), save for the excepted provisions, comes into operation.

2. The Amendment Ordinance was published in the Gazette on 19 July 2024, following the passage of the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2024 (“Bill”) by the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) on 10 July 2024. It amends the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156) and its subsidiary legislation to revise the regulatory framework in respect of the practice of dentistry. The amendments include providing for new pathways for admission of non-locally trained dentists in Hong Kong (e.g. under limited or special registration), provisional registration for local dental graduates and non-locally trained dentists (i.e. for undergoing internship or period of assessment), registration of dental care professionals, and reforming the composition and structure of the Dental Council of Hong Kong (“DCHK”). A Bills

Committee was formed to study the Bill. Members may refer to the Report of the Bills Committee (LC Paper No. CB(1)958/2024) for further information.

3. The provisions that are to commence, which cover most of the provisions of the Amendment Ordinance, mainly relate to the aforesaid new pathways for admission, the mandatory requirement regarding continuing professional development for dentists, and the aforesaid reform of DCHK (with limited exceptions).<sup>1</sup> The Legal Service Division (“LSD”) notes that L.N. 146 lists out all the provisions of the Amendment Ordinance that are not to commence, instead of the provisions that are to commence as in the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Commencement) Notice 2019 (L.N. 85 of 2019). Upon LSD’s enquiry, the Administration has explained that this drafting approach is meant to reduce the length of L.N. 146, or otherwise it would be considerably lengthened.

4. The excepted provisions of the Amendment Ordinance that will commence only later (items (a) to (zzr) of L.N. 146) mainly include those relating to provisional registration, internship, period of assessment, dental care professionals and certain technical amendments to Cap. 156.

5. According to paragraphs 5, 7 and 8 and footnote 2(a) and (b) of the LegCo Brief (File Reference: HHB/H/21/11) issued by the Health Bureau on 16 October 2024, the provisions mentioned in paragraph 3 above have to commence as early as practicable mainly to address the shortage of dentists in Hong Kong, whereas those mentioned in paragraph 4 above will commence only later in order to, for instance, align with the time of graduation of the 2025 cohort of dental students, or the implementation of registration of dental care professionals, i.e. within three years after passage of the Bill, as discussed in the Bills Committee.

#### L.N. 137

6. L.N. 137 is made by the Chief Executive (“CE”) in Council under section 29(1)(a) of Cap. 156 to prescribe the new set of fees payable under Cap. 156 and the Dentists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 156A) as amended by the Amendment Ordinance for various matters,<sup>2</sup> including:

- (a) the registration of a dentist (for full, provisional, limited or special registration) and the registration of a dental care professional;

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to footnote 2(c) of the LegCo Brief (File Reference: HHB/H/21/11) issued by the Health Bureau on 16 October 2024 for the limited exceptions in respect of the reform of DCHK, which mainly relate to the elections of DCHK members, the Health Committee and related matters.

<sup>2</sup> L.N. 137 introduces nine new fee items (e.g. in relation to limited or special registration) and amends 15 existing fee items (by cancellation or upward adjustment on a full cost recovery basis by reference to 2024-2025), while maintaining the fee level of one existing fee item (see paragraph 10 of the LegCo Brief).

- (b) the inclusion of a person's name in the Specialist Register;
- (c) the alteration to the General Register or the Register of Dental Care Professionals;
- (d) the issue of a practising certificate to a registered dentist or a registered dental care professional; and
- (e) the taking of the Licensing Examination.

7. L.N. 137 comes into operation on 1 January 2025, save and except fee items 1(b), 3, 5, 9 and 12 of the Schedule to L.N. 137, which relate to provisional registration and dental care professionals under the Amendment Ordinance. Those fee items will come into operation later in tandem with the commencement of the relevant provisions of the Amendment Ordinance.

### Consultation

8. According to paragraph 15 of the LegCo Brief, DCHK was consulted on the new fee schedule on 25 July 2024 and considered it acceptable. DCHK also supported the commencement arrangement of the Amendment Ordinance at its meeting on 10 October 2024.

9. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Health Services, the Panel has not been consulted on L.N. 137 and L.N. 146. As advised by the Clerk to the Bills Committee, the Administration has explained to the Bills Committee about the details of, and the rationale for, the Administration's commencement plan for the Bill (if passed) and no concern has been raised.

## **PART II PAPERLESS SUBMISSIONS FOR IDENTITY CARD APPLICATIONS**

**Registration of Persons (Amendment) Regulation 2024** (L.N. 138)

**Electronic Transactions (Exclusion) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024** (L.N. 142)

### L.N. 138

10. L.N. 138 is made by CE in Council under section 7 of the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177) to amend the Registration of Persons Regulations (Cap. 177A). L.N. 138 makes the following amendments to Cap. 177A:

- (a) adds a new regulation 4B to Cap. 177A to empower the Commissioner of Registration ("Commissioner") to specify automated means for the submission and processing of applications for identity cards, including automated means to verify the identity of or to issue the identity card to

the applicant. The effect is that unless the Commissioner otherwise specifies, applications made through automated means are to be regarded as applications made in person;

- (b) amends regulation 4(1)(b) of Cap. 177A to allow the applicant of identity cards to attach an electronic signature or a digital signature to acknowledge the correctness of the particulars provided for the application; and
- (c) introduces certain textual and technical amendments to Cap. 177A. For example, the Chinese text of “永久性居民” in regulation 6(2) of Cap. 177A is repealed to align the Chinese and English texts.

11. According to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the LegCo Brief (no file reference) issued by the Security Bureau and the Immigration Department (“ImmiD”) on 16 October 2024, ImmiD has been providing self-service options for the application and collection of certain personal documents through self-service kiosks set up at its offices in various districts. L.N. 138 is made to streamline electronic document submission and collection at those kiosks.

#### L.N. 142

12. L.N. 142 is made by the Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry under section 11(1) of the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553) to remove (i) regulation 4(1) and (1B)(a) of Cap. 177A from Schedule 1 to the Electronic Transactions (Exclusion) Order (Cap. 553B) and (ii) regulation 4(1) of Cap. 177A from Schedule 2 to Cap. 553B. The effects of L.N. 142 are that:

- (a) regulation 4(1) and (1B)(a) of Cap. 177A is no longer excluded from the application of section 5 of Cap. 553 (which allows the use of an electronic record to satisfy a rule of law that requires or permits information to be, or to be given, in writing), so that any particulars or applications for registration or application of identity cards relevant to those provisions may be submitted in the form of an electronic record; and
- (b) regulation 4(1) of Cap. 177A is no longer excluded from the application of section 6 of Cap. 553 (which allows the use of an electronic signature or a digital signature to satisfy a rule of law that requires the signature on a document), so that an electronic signature or a digital signature may be used to indicate the signatory’s acknowledgement of the correctness of the particulars provided.

#### Consultation

13. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Security, an information paper provided by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(2)936/2024(01)) on the legislative amendments required to provide for the proposal to enable the submission and

processing of applications for Hong Kong identity cards by automated means was circulated to Panel members on 25 June 2024. No views from Panel members have been received on the information paper.

14. In response to enquiry made by LSD, the Administration clarified that other than the Panel consultation mentioned above, no other public consultation was conducted for L.N. 138 and L.N. 142.

### Commencement

15. L.N. 138 and L.N. 142 come into operation on 13 December 2024.

## **PART III IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC VEHICLE LICENCE AND REGULATION OF NON-LICENSED VEHICLES**

**Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment)  
Regulation 2024** (L.N. 139)

**Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles)  
(Amendment) Regulation 2024** (L.N. 140)

**Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles)  
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2024** (L.N. 141)

### L.N. 140

16. Currently, on licensing a vehicle, a paper-form vehicle licence (“VL”) is issued by the Commissioner for Transport (“C for T”) for display on the vehicle in compliance with regulation 25 of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374E). On licence renewal, the vehicle owner needs to replace the old paper-form VL with a new paper-form VL for display.

17. L.N. 140 is made by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics (“STL”) under section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) to amend Cap. 374E, mainly for implementing electronic VL by enabling the continuous use of the first paper-form VL for display (without a printed expiry date) even upon subsequent licence renewal, which is to be coupled with the issue of a licensing notice that sets out the relevant licensed period. The major amendments include:

- (a) amending regulation 17(2)(b)(ii) and (6) to the effect that on a transfer of ownership of a registered motor vehicle, proof of a valid policy of insurance may be by any information or documents specified by C for T;
- (b) amending regulation 21(1A) such that in respect of licensing applications, originals or copies of supporting documents are acceptable, and proof of

a valid policy of insurance may be by any information or documents specified by C for T;

- (c) amending regulation 21(8) and adding a new regulation 21(8A) to provide for (i) the issue of a licensing notice that sets out the licensed period and a VL for display, on licensing a motor vehicle; and (ii) the deeming of the displayable VL issued before to be the renewed VL on licence renewal; and
- (d) amending regulation 25(2) to the effect that where a receipt of payment of licence fee is deemed to be a valid VL (under regulation 21(11) or 59(6)), the display of a clearly legible printout of an electronic receipt would be sufficient for the display requirement.

#### L.N. 139

18. Consequential to L.N. 140, L.N. 139 is made by CE in Council under section 20 of the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance (Cap. 272). It mainly amends regulation 24 of the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Regulations (Cap. 272A) to the effect that in respect of a licensing application or a notice of transfer of ownership of a licensed motor vehicle (under regulation 21(1) or 17(2)(b) of Cap. 374E respectively), documentary proof of a policy of insurance or security means the original or a copy of the documents concerned, and proof of a valid policy or security may be by any information or documents specified by C for T.

#### L.N. 141

19. L.N. 141 is made by STL under section 6(1) of Cap. 374 to amend Cap. 374E. It mainly introduces a new offence for failing to comply with a notice from C for T requiring a motor vehicle, in respect of which no VL has been in force for two years or more, to be licensed by its registered owner. The major amendments include:

- (a) adding a new regulation 25A to provide that C for T may send a notice to the registered owner of a motor vehicle, in respect of which there has not been a VL for two years or more, requiring the registered owner to have the vehicle licensed (new regulation 25A(1)), and that the registered owner must comply with the notice not later than three months beginning on the date of the notice (new regulation 25A(3)); however, the new regulation 25A(3) does not apply if the registration of the vehicle is cancelled under regulation 20 before expiry of the aforesaid three months, or an exemption as now provided for in the new regulation 25B is in force (new regulation 25A(4));

- (b) introducing in the new regulation 60(2A) a new offence for contravening the new regulation 25A(3), and the relevant maximum penalty on the first conviction is a fine at level 3 (\$10,000) and an imprisonment for three months; and that on each subsequent conviction is a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and an imprisonment for six months; and
- (c) providing in the new regulation 60AA that when imposing a fine under the new regulation 60(2A), the magistrate must also make an order directing C for T, for so long as the convicted person fails to pay the fine, to (i) refuse to issue/renew a driving licence to/of the convicted person, (ii) take no action on receipt of any notice of transfer of ownership (under regulation 17(3), (3A), (4) or (5)) of any motor vehicle of which the convicted person is the registered owner, and (iii) refuse to license any such vehicle.

20. According to paragraphs 1(b) and 8 of the LegCo Brief (File Ref: TLB CR 7/5591/00) issued by the Transport and Logistics Bureau (“TLB”) and the Transport Department in October 2024, the amendments aim to tighten regulation of non-licensed vehicles and deter registered owners from abandoning their unwanted vehicles improperly, e.g. on public roads and back alleys, which causes environmental hygiene and congestion issues.

### Consultation

21. According to paragraph 19 of the LegCo Brief, the Transport Advisory Committee was briefed on the above proposals (of implementing electronic VL, simplifying relevant document requirement, and tightening regulation of non-licensed vehicles) on 6 July 2022, and members generally supported and welcomed the proposed arrangements.

22. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Transport, the Panel was briefed on various e-licensing initiatives including electronic VL, and enhancements to the vehicle registration and licensing system at the meeting on 20 May 2022. Members were supportive of the initiatives and the proposed enhancements, and called for full automation of the e-licensing process as early as possible so as to enhance efficiency and reduce costs.

### Commencement

23. L.N. 139 and L.N. 140 come into operation on 30 December 2024. L.N. 141 comes into operation on a day to be appointed by STL by notice published in the Gazette. As stated in paragraph 11 of the LegCo Brief, it is intended that the amendments will commence around one year after L.N. 141 is made.

## **PART IV MARINE SAFETY LEGISLATION**

**Marine Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Ordinance  
(Commencement) Notice** (L.N. 147)

**Marine Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) (Notice to Appear before  
Magistrate) Notice** (L.N. 148)

**Marine Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) (Approved Instrument  
Types and Specified Tests) Notice** (L.N. 149)

### L.N. 147

24. L.N. 147 is made by STL under section 1(2) of the Marine Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Ordinance (Ord. No. 15 of 2024) (“Ordinance”) to appoint 1 January 2025 as the day on which the Ordinance comes into operation. The Ordinance provides for restrictions in connection with operating vessels, and performing certain duties on board vessels, in the waters of Hong Kong after consumption or use of alcohol or drugs. In particular, the Ordinance provides for procedures to obtain specimens of breath, blood and urine to test for the presence of alcohol and drugs in the specimens, and disqualification from certain duties on board vessels on conviction of certain offences.

25. The Ordinance was published in the Gazette on 5 July 2024, after the passage of the Marine Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Bill (“Marine Safety Bill”) by LegCo on 26 June 2024. A Bills Committee was formed to study the Marine Safety Bill. Members may refer to the Report of the Bills Committee (LC Paper No. CB(4)862/2024) for further information.

26. According to paragraph 6 of the LegCo Brief (File Ref.: TLB(PML)CR8/10/260/3) issued by TLB and the Marine Department (“MD”) in October 2024, relevant stakeholders<sup>3</sup> were consulted in respect of L.N. 147. In response to enquiry made by LSD, the Administration stated that the consultees raised no particular views on the commencement date of the Ordinance.

### L.N. 148

27. L.N. 148 is made by the Director of Marine (“Director”) under section 37(8) of the Ordinance to prescribe the form that may be served under section 37(1) of the Ordinance by an authorized officer to give notice to a person on board a vessel, who is suspected to have committed an offence under the Ordinance, to appear before a magistrate in respect of the offence.

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<sup>3</sup> Administration clarified that the stakeholders were: (i) Hong Kong & Kowloon Motor Boats & Tug Boats Association; (ii) Hong Kong Fisherman Consortium; (iii) Marine Excursion Association Limited and (iv) Hong Kong Cargo Vessel Traders’ Association Ltd.



## L.N. 149

28. L.N. 149 is made by the Director under section 46 of the Ordinance to specify certain instruments for (i) analyzing the proportion of alcohol in a specimen of breath, (ii) indicating whether the proportion of alcohol in a person's breath is likely to exceed the prescribed limit, and (iii) detecting the presence of any illicit drug in a person's oral fluid or urine. L.N. 149 also specifies five Marine Field Sobriety Tests<sup>4</sup> that may be carried out to assess whether a person's ability to operate a vessel or to perform a designated duty on board a vessel is impaired by the consumption or use of drugs.

29. According to paragraph 8 of the LegCo Brief, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and a Medical Review Officer nominated by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine ("Consultants") were engaged by MD to conduct tests on the various instruments and tests to ensure their accuracy and applicability. MD is satisfied with the reliability of the instruments and tests, based on the advice given by the Consultants.

## Consultation

30. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Economic Development, the Panel has not been consulted on L.N. 147 to L.N. 149.

## Commencement of L.N. 148 and L.N. 149

31. L.N. 148 and L.N. 149 come into operation on 1 January 2025.

## **PART V    MERCHANT    SHIPPING    RELATED    COMMENCEMENT NOTICES**

**Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Health and Safety: General Duties) (Amendment) Regulation 2024 (Commencement) Notice** (L.N. 150)

**Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions) (Amendment) Regulation 2024 (Commencement) Notice** (L.N. 151)

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<sup>4</sup> The Five Marine Field Sobriety Tests are: (i) General Questions, to test a person's mental state; (ii) Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test, to indicate the effects of drugs on a person's nervous system; (iii) Finger to Nose Test, to test a person's depth perception and ability to process instructions; (iv) Palm Pat Test, to test a person's coordination and ability to count out loud according to instructions and (v) Hand Coordination Test, to test a person's ability to process instructions.

**Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Returns of Births, Deaths and Missing Persons) Regulation (Amendment of Schedules) Notice 2024 (Commencement) Notice**

**(L.N. 152)**

32. L.N. 150 is made by STL under section 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Health and Safety: General Duties) (Amendment) Regulation 2024 (L.N. 20 of 2024) (“L.N. 20”) to appoint 23 December 2024 as the day on which L.N. 20 comes into operation. L.N. 20 amends the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Health and Safety: General Duties) Regulation (Cap. 478C) to require the provision of appropriately-sized personal protective equipment to prevent occupational injuries and diseases that may arise from the use of machinery and equipment on board a ship.

33. L.N. 151 is made by STL under section 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions) (Amendment) Regulation 2024 (L.N. 21 of 2024) (“L.N. 21”) to appoint 23 December 2024 as the day on which L.N. 21 comes into operation. L.N. 21 amends the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions) Regulation (Cap. 478AF) to improve the welfare of seafarers, such as requiring the master of a ship to ensure the ship is equipped to prepare balanced meals and requiring the shipowner to arrange and bear the cost of delivery of the body of a seafarer who dies in the course of employment.

34. L.N. 152 is made by the Seafarers’ Authority under section 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Return of Births, Deaths and Missing Persons) Regulation (Amendment of Schedules) Notice 2024 (L.N. 22 of 2024) (“L.N. 22”) to appoint 23 December 2024 as the day on which L.N. 22 comes into operation. L.N. 22 amends the schedules to the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Returns of Births, Deaths and Missing Persons) Regulation (Cap. 478F) mainly to include more particulars in the returns of deaths filed by the master of the ship to the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office (“Superintendent”) and to revise the form of the record of deaths kept by the Superintendent.

35. No subcommittee was formed to study L.N. 20 to L.N. 22. Members may refer to LSD report (LC Paper No. LS11/2024) for further information on those subsidiary legislation.

36. According to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the LegCo Brief (File ref.: TLB(PML)CR8/10/150/8) issued by TLB and MD in October 2024, the latest amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (“Convention”) were incorporated into relevant local legislation by way of L.N. 20 to L.N. 22. Given that those latest amendments to the Convention will enter into force globally on 23 December 2024, the Administration therefore accordingly specified 23 December 2024 as the date of commencement of L.N. 20 to L.N. 22.

## Consultation

37. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Economic Development, the Panel has not been consulted on L.N. 150 to L.N. 152.

## **PART VI MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 3) (No. 2) Order 2024**

**(L.N. 143)**

38. L.N. 143 is made by the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry under section 50 of Cap. 553 to add the following provisions to Schedule 3 to Cap. 553:

- (a) section 12 of the Limited Partnerships Ordinance (Cap. 37); and
- (b) regulation 4(2) and (3) of the Gas Safety (Gas Supply) Regulations (Cap. 51B).

39. The effect of L.N. 143 is that, pursuant to section 5A of Cap. 533, any document that is required to be or may be served under the provision stated in paragraph 38(a) above (e.g. statements that may be submitted to the Registrar of Companies for filing under Cap. 37, such as a statement signed by relevant partners for registration of a limited partnership), or in paragraph 38(b) above (applications made with the Gas Authority for approval of construction work (e.g. major repairs in respect of certain gas installation) under Cap. 51B together with any plans or particulars that might be required to be furnished):

- (a) would be allowed to be served in the form of an electronic record; and
- (b) (where more than one copy of the document is required to be or may be served) the service of a single copy of the document in such form would be sufficient.

40. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting and the Clerk to the Panel on Commerce, Industry, Innovation and Technology, both Panels have not been consulted on L.N. 143.

41. L.N. 143 comes into operation on 13 December 2024.

**Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Public  
Pleasure Grounds) (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order  
2024**

**(L.N. 144)**

42. L.N. 144 is made by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (“Director of LCSD”) under section 106 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) to:

- (a) set aside five places<sup>5</sup> for use as public pleasure grounds with the effect that the general management and control of these new public pleasure grounds is vested in the Director of LCSD; and
- (b) update the list of public pleasure grounds specified in the Fourth Schedule to Cap. 132 to reflect the above changes.

43. According to paragraph 7 of the LegCo Brief (no file reference) issued by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on 14 October 2024, the Administration has consulted the respective District Councils and they supported the proposal.

44. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports, the Administration submitted to the Panel an information paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)713/2024(01)) on the naming proposal of the five new public pleasure grounds, which was circulated to Panel members on 27 May 2024. Members raised no comments on the naming proposal.

45. L.N. 144 comes into operation on 12 December 2024.

**Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation  
2012 (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2024**

**(L.N. 145)**

46. L.N. 145 is made by the Secretary for Security under section 5AA of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295). It amends the Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 295E) for reflecting the latest amendments made to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code which came into effect on 1 January 2024. The amendments are as follows:

- (a) adding three types of Class 1 dangerous goods to the table under section 5 of Schedule 1;<sup>6</sup> and

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<sup>5</sup> The five places are: (a) Kin Wan Street Garden; (b) Ma Chai Hang Sports Centre; (c) Anderson Road Quarry Park; (d) On Yu Path Sitting-out Area; and (e) Tseung Kwan O South Park.

<sup>6</sup> The Class 1 dangerous goods newly added to the table under section 5 of Schedule 1 are “DETONATORS, ELECTRONIC” with UN Nos. 0511, 0512 and 0513.

- (b) updating the table of dangerous goods under Part 2 of Schedule 2, which involves seven types of Class 3 or Class 6.1 dangerous goods (by adding or removing items or by amending certain technical details).<sup>7</sup>

47. The effect of the amendments is that the dangerous goods in the aforesaid updated tables are subject to the regulation of Cap. 295 as to their storage, conveyance and use, etc.

48. According to paragraph 8 of the LegCo Brief (File Reference: SBCR 1/1/1336/02) issued by the Security Bureau in October 2024, the Administration has consulted the relevant trades on the proposed amendments and they are generally supportive of the proposals. As confirmed by the Administration upon LSD's enquiry, other stakeholders consulted including the Dangerous Goods Standing Committee and the Chemical Safety and Health Advisory Committee of the Occupational Safety and Health Council are also supportive of the proposals.

49. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Security, the Panel has not been consulted on L.N. 145.

50. L.N. 145 comes into operation on 1 January 2025.

## **Concluding observations**

51. Subject to Members' views in relation to LSD's enquiry stated in paragraph 3 above, no difficulties have been identified in relation to the legal and drafting aspects of L.N. 137 to L.N. 140 and L.N. 142 to L.N. 152. LSD is scrutinizing the legal and drafting aspects of L.N. 141 and will report further, if necessary.

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<sup>7</sup> For the table under Part 2 of Schedule 2, the dangerous goods removed are "EXTRACTS, AROMATIC, LIQUID / PG II or PG III", with UN No. 1169; the added item is "COBALT DIHYDROXIDE POWDER / PG I" with UN No. 3550; whereas the amended items are "EXTRACTS, LIQUID / PG II or PG III" with UN No. 1197, "ETHYL BROMIDE / PG II" with UN No. 1891, and "METHACRYLATE" with UN No. 2522.