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Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulation 2025

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics under section 6(1)
of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 October 2025.

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 11.

3. Regulation 2 amended (interpretation)

(1) Regulation 2(1)—

Repeal

“, unless the context otherwise requires”.

(2) Regulation 2(1)—

Add in alphabetical order

“***e-ICP*** (電子國際通行許可證) means an international circulation permit issued in the form of an electronic record;

e-registration card (電子登記卡) means a registration card issued in the form of an electronic record;

paper ICP (紙本國際通行許可證) means an international circulation permit issued in paper form;

paper registration card (紙本登記卡) means a registration card issued in paper form;

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registration card (登記卡) means a registration card issued under regulation 35(1);”.

4. Regulation 31 amended (application for and issue of international circulation permits)

(1) Regulation 31(1)—

Repeal

everything after “application”

Substitute

“, in a form specified by the Commissioner, for the permit.”.

(2) Regulation 31(2)(a)—

Repeal

“he”

Substitute

“the applicant”.

(3) Regulation 31(2)—

Repeal paragraph (b)

Substitute

“(b) produces to the Commissioner documentary proof of a policy of insurance that is valid in respect of the vehicle on the date the permit takes effect; and”.

(4) Regulation 31(2)(c)—

Repeal

“international circulation permit to use the motor”

Substitute

“permit to use the”.

(5) Regulation 31(2), before “in Form 4”—

Add

“in respect of the vehicle”.

- (6) After regulation 31(2)—

Add

“(2A) If the Commissioner is not satisfied with the copy of any document produced under subregulation (2)(b), the Commissioner may require the applicant to produce the original of the document.

(2B) An international circulation permit may be issued either in paper form or in the form of an electronic record.

(2C) The Commissioner—

- (a) may, subject to subregulation (5), specify the validity period of an international circulation permit; and
- (b) may impose on an international circulation permit any condition that the Commissioner considers appropriate.”.

5. Regulations 32 and 33 repealed

Regulations 32 and 33—

Repeal the regulations.

6. Regulation 34 amended (registration marks on imported vehicles)

(1) Regulation 34(1)—

Repeal everything before paragraph (a)

Substitute

“(1) The Commissioner must assign to a motor vehicle in respect of which the Commissioner has issued an international circulation permit—”.

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- (2) Regulation 34(1)(a)(i)—

Repeal

“the registration mark”

Substitute

“a registration mark that is identical to the registration number”.

- (3) Regulation 34(1)(a)(ii), English text—

Repeal

“registration mark recorded”

Substitute

“registration number recorded”.

- (4) Regulation 34(1)(a)(ii)—

Repeal

“; and”

Substitute

“; or”.

- (5) Regulation 34(1)(a), Chinese text—

Repeal

“，上述登記號碼即為”.

- (6) Regulation 34(1)(b)—

Repeal

everything after “any other”

Substitute

“vehicle—

- (i) a registration mark consisting only of a number of not more than 8 digits (not being a number listed in Schedule 5); or

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- (ii) a registration mark consisting of any combination of letters and numerals the total of which does not exceed 8.”.

7. Regulation 35 amended (registration cards)

Regulation 35—

Repeal subregulation (2)

Substitute

- “(2) A registration card may be issued either in paper form or in the form of an electronic record.
- (3) A police officer or the Commissioner may request the holder of a registration card to produce the card for inspection.
- (4) A person to whom a request is made under subregulation (3) must, within 72 hours after the request and at the place specified by the police officer or the Commissioner at the time of the request, produce for inspection—
 - (a) if the registration card is a paper registration card—the paper registration card; or
 - (b) if the registration card is an e-registration card—a clearly legible printout of the e-registration card that conforms to the specifications specified by the Commissioner in the conditions of the international circulation permit.”.

8. Regulations 35A to 35D added

After regulation 35—

Add

“35A. Display of international circulation permits

- (1) A motor vehicle in respect of which an international circulation permit is in force must not be on or be used on any road unless the document mentioned in subregulation (2) is displayed—
 - (a) for a motor cycle—in a conspicuous place on the left-hand side of the vehicle in a manner that it is clearly visible from that side of the vehicle; or
 - (b) in any other case—
 - (i) for a motor vehicle with a fixed windscreen—on the left-hand side of the vehicle’s windscreen in a manner that it is clearly visible from the front of the vehicle; or
 - (ii) for a motor vehicle without a fixed windscreen—in a conspicuous place on the left-hand side of the vehicle in a manner that it is clearly visible from the front of the vehicle.
- (2) The document is—
 - (a) if the international circulation permit is a paper ICP—the paper ICP; or
 - (b) if the international circulation permit is an e-ICP—a clearly legible printout of the e-ICP that conforms to the specifications specified by the Commissioner in the conditions of the permit.

35B. International circulation permits cease to be valid in certain circumstances

- (1) This section applies if any of the following events occurs—
 - (a) a motor vehicle in respect of which an international circulation permit is in force—
 - (i) is sold, transferred or destroyed; or
 - (ii) is registered under Part II;
 - (b) the holder of an international circulation permit gives up the permit by written notice to the Commissioner.
- (2) On the occurrence of the event, the international circulation permit ceases to be valid.
- (3) The holder of the international circulation permit must—
 - (a) if the permit is a paper ICP—
 - (i) ensure that the paper ICP is not displayed on the motor vehicle; and
 - (ii) within 72 hours after the event occurs, return the paper ICP to the Commissioner; or
 - (b) if the permit is an e-ICP—ensure that no printout of the e-ICP is displayed on the motor vehicle.
- (4) If the event is one mentioned in subregulation (1)(a), the holder of the international circulation permit must also, within 72 hours after the event occurs, notify the Commissioner in writing of—
 - (a) the occurrence of the event; and

- (b) if the motor vehicle is sold or transferred—the name of the new owner of the vehicle and the new owner's address, if any, in Hong Kong.

35C. Cancellation of international circulation permits by Commissioner

- (1) If a condition of an international circulation permit is contravened, the Commissioner may, by written notice to the holder of the permit, cancel the permit.
- (2) If an international circulation permit issued in respect of a motor vehicle is cancelled under subregulation (1), the holder of the permit must—
 - (a) if the permit is a paper ICP—
 - (i) ensure that the paper ICP is not displayed on the vehicle; and
 - (ii) within the period specified in the notice under subregulation (1), return the paper ICP to the Commissioner; or
 - (b) if the permit is an e-ICP—ensure that no printout of the e-ICP is displayed on the vehicle.

35D. Power of seizure

If regulation 35B(3) or 35C(2) is contravened in relation to an international circulation permit issued in respect of a motor vehicle, a police officer or any other officer authorized by the Commissioner—

- (a) may—
 - (i) if the permit is a paper ICP—seize the paper ICP; or

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- (ii) if the permit is an e-ICP—seize a printout of the e-ICP that is displayed on the vehicle; and
- (b) may, for the purpose of the seizure, detach the paper ICP or printout from the vehicle.”.

9. Regulation 59 amended (issue of duplicate registration documents, licences, permits and certificates of allocation)

- (1) Regulation 59, heading—

Repeal

everything after “**Issue of**”

Substitute

“**duplicates**”.

- (2) Regulation 59(1), Chinese text—

Repeal

“**消毀**” (wherever appearing)

Substitute

“**銷毀**”.

- (3) After regulation 59(1)—

Add

“(1A) If an ICP-related document (*original document*) is lost, destroyed, defaced or damaged—

- (a) the person to whom the original document was issued may apply to the Commissioner in a form specified by the Commissioner for a duplicate of the original document; and
- (b) the Commissioner may, on being satisfied as to the loss, destruction, defacement or damage and—

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- (i) if the original document is a paper ICP and is defaced—on receipt of the defaced paper ICP; or
- (ii) if the original document is a paper registration card and is defaced—on receipt of the defaced paper registration card, issue a duplicate of the original document, marked as such, and the duplicate so issued has the same effect as the original document.”.

- (4) Regulation 59(2) and (2A), Chinese text—

Repeal

“消毀” (wherever appearing)

Substitute

“銷毀”.

- (5) Regulation 59(3)—

Repeal paragraphs (a) and (b)

Substitute

- “(a) a duplicate of a specified document on the ground that the original of the document is lost or destroyed, knowing that the original of the document has not been lost or destroyed; or
- (b) a duplicate of a specified electronic document on the ground that the original of the document is damaged, knowing that the original of the document has not been damaged.”.

- (6) Regulation 59—

Repeal subregulations (4) and (5)

Substitute

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- “(4) On the issue of a duplicate of a specified document under this regulation, the original of the document ceases to be valid.
- (5) If a duplicate of a specified document is issued under this regulation on the ground that the original of the document is lost and, during the currency of the duplicate, the original of the document is found, the specified person for the document must—
- (a) immediately report to the Commissioner that the original of the document is found;
 - (b) take all reasonable steps to obtain possession of the original of the document; and
 - (c) if the document is not a specified electronic document—return the original of the document as soon as possible to the Commissioner for cancellation.
- (5AA) If the original of an international circulation permit (*original ICP*) issued in respect of a motor vehicle is an e-ICP, the person to whom the permit was issued must ensure that, after the issue of a duplicate of the permit, no printout of the original ICP is displayed on the vehicle.”.
- (7) Regulation 59(5A), English text, after “If the original”—
Add
“of a”.
- (8) Regulation 59(5A)—
Repeal
everything after “was issued”
Substitute

“must ensure that, after the issue of a duplicate of the permit, no printout of the original permit is displayed on the vehicle.”.

(9) After regulation 59(6)—

Add

“(7) In this regulation—

ICP-related document (國際通行許可證相關文件) means—

- (a) an international circulation permit; or
- (b) a registration card;

specified document (指明文件) means—

- (a) a registration document;
- (b) a vehicle licence;
- (c) an ICP-related document;
- (d) a trade licence;
- (e) a Part VIII permit; or
- (f) a certificate of allocation;

specified electronic document (指明電子文件) means—

- (a) an e-ICP;
- (b) an e-registration card; or
- (c) a Part VIII e-permit;

specified person (指明人士)—

- (a) in relation to the registration document of a vehicle—means the registered owner of the vehicle;
- (b) in relation to a vehicle licence—means the person to whom the licence was issued;
- (c) in relation to an ICP-related document—means the person to whom the document was issued;

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- (d) in relation to a trade licence—means the person to whom the licence was issued;
- (e) in relation to a Part VIII permit—means the person to whom the permit was issued; or
- (f) in relation to a certificate of allocation—means the personalized registration mark holder.”.

10. Regulation 60 amended (offences)

- (1) Regulation 60(1)—

Repeal

“or (5A)(a)”

Substitute

“, (5AA) or (5A)”.

- (2) Regulation 60(2), after “22(2)”—

Add

“, 35D”.

- (3) Regulation 60(4)—

Repeal

“A holder of an international circulation permit”

Substitute

“Any person”.

- (4) Regulation 60(4)—

Repeal

“33(1), (2), or (4) or 34(3)”

Substitute

“34(3), 35(4), 35B(3) or (4) or 35C(2)”.

- (5) After regulation 60(4)—

Add

“(4A) Subject to subregulation (7), if a motor vehicle in respect of which an international circulation permit is in force is on or used on any road in contravention of regulation 35A(1), the holder of the permit and the driver of the vehicle at the time of the contravention each commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 1 and to imprisonment for 3 months.”.

(6) Regulation 60(6)(c)(i)—

Repeal

“; or”

Substitute a semicolon.

(7) After regulation 60(6)(c)(i)—

Add

“(ia) any printout of an e-ICP where—

(A) the e-ICP has been so altered, damaged or added to; or

(B) the printout has been altered, defaced, damaged or added to; or”.

(8) Regulation 60(7), English text—

Repeal

“shall be”

Substitute

“is”.

(9) Regulation 60(7), after “regulation 25”—

Add

“or 35A(1)”.

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11. “銷毀” substituted for “消毀”

- (1) The following provisions, Chinese text—
(a) regulation 20(1), (3)(a) and (c) and (4);
(b) regulation 24(2)(a) and (b)—

Repeal

“消毀” (wherever appearing)

Substitute

“銷毀”.

- (2) Regulation 20, Chinese text, heading—

Repeal

“消毀”

Substitute

“銷毀”.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. E) to—

- (a) remove the signature requirement for an application for an international circulation permit (*ICP*);
- (b) revise the insurance requirement for such an application;
- (c) empower the Commissioner for Transport to issue an ICP (and the related registration card) in the form of an electronic record;
- (d) adjust certain provisions (including those on the requirement to display an ICP, issue of duplicates and offences) in light of subparagraph (c);
- (e) relax, in certain circumstances, the requirements for the components of a registration mark that may be assigned to a motor vehicle in respect of which an ICP has been issued;
- (f) remove the requirement to surrender an ICP in certain circumstances; and
- (g) provide for the cancellation of an ICP and the related enforcement matters.