

Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C)

Exemption Arrangement

The Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2020 commenced on April 29, 2020, amending the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C) (amended Regulation). The expiry date of the amended Regulation has been extended to June 7, 2020. In accordance with the newly added section 4(1)(b) in the amended Regulation, the Chief Secretary for Administration may designate any person or category of persons for exemption from the compulsory quarantine arrangement, if he is satisfied that the person's or persons' travelling is necessary for purposes relating to manufacturing operations in the interest of Hong Kong's economic development.

In accordance with the above-mentioned provision, the Chief Secretary for Administration has exempted the following category of persons from the compulsory quarantine arrangement with effect from May 4, 2020 –

- (a) **either** the owner of a Hong Kong enterprise with a valid business registration certificate issued under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) and with manufacturing operations in the Mainland, and up to one personnel employed and so authorised by the enterprise; **or**
- (b) up to two personnel employed and so authorised by such an enterprise as described in (a).

Validity Period of Exemption

From May 4, 2020 to the expiry of section 4(1)(b) of the Regulation.

Administrative Arrangement

The Trade and Industry Department (TID) will process the applications, including consulting the Federation of Hong Kong Industries and/or the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong as well as the relevant Bureaux/Departments where necessary. TID will issue authorisation letters to the exempted persons, setting out the details and conditions of exemption.

Information and Supporting Documents to be Submitted by Applicants

- (a) Completed application form setting out, for each applicant, the personal particulars, post title, contact information, name of Hong Kong enterprise and

the justifications for travelling to the Mainland (Note : Applications are to be submitted by enterprises; the same enterprise can submit exemption applications for up to two applicants using the same application form);

- (b) Affiliated industry association(s);
- (c) Copy of Hong Kong Identification Card or Passport of each applicant;
- (d) Copy of Business Registration Certificate;
- (e) Information about the Mainland factory of manufacturing operations (e.g. address, size, number of staff, production capacity) and a copy of the Business Licence(s);
- (f) Each applicant must declare that he/she is travelling to the Mainland to support the operations and business of the Mainland factory of manufacturing operations;
- (g) Each applicant must declare that he/she will only travel to and stay in the city where the Mainland factory of manufacturing operations is located; and
- (h) Each applicant must take every precautionary measure to ensure personal hygiene and avoid unnecessary social contact whilst in the Mainland.

Conditions for Exemption

After returning to Hong Kong, each exempted person must be subject to medical surveillance arranged by the Department of Health (DH) during his/her stay in Hong Kong, and is required to wear masks and check body temperature daily, as well as report to the DH on any discomfort.