

## **Phase 1 of Ad Hoc Quota Trial Scheme for Cross Boundary Private Cars**

Exchanges between Guangdong and Hong Kong have been rapidly increasing. To further enhance economic, social and cultural exchange, the Governments of both sides have firmed up the implementation details of Phase 1 of the “Ad Hoc Quota Trial Scheme for Cross Boundary Private Cars”, which seeks to provide eligible Hong Kong private car owners with an alternative means of crossing the boundary.

Successful Hong Kong applicants will be able to drive their own vehicles into Guangdong Province through Shenzhen Bay Port.

The ad hoc quota is valid for five days. The applicant can drive into Guangdong Province once within this five-day period.

Roads leading to Shenzhen Bay Port are closed roads. Only vehicles with valid closed road permits are allowed to use them. The Transport Department will issue successful applicants with a closed road permit and an approval letter. The applicant named in the approval letter must be inside the vehicle when it crosses the boundary.

In addition, the applicant must procure “Mainland compulsory motor vehicle traffic accident liability insurance”, and apply for an “Approval Notice”, “Temporary Car Plate and Licence” and an “Inspection and quarantine declaration card for temporary arrival/departure of car”. These formalities can be completed in Hong Kong at China Travel Service (Hong Kong) Limited as authorised by the Mainland authorities. The applicant must also complete formalities as required by Mainland Customs at Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce before setting off.

Talents: Let's go!

On arriving at Lam Tei Interchange on Tuen Mun Road, a traffic sign displays “Shenzhen Bay”. Follow the sign for Yuen Long Highway. Observe the traffic signs and keep to the left along the service road to reach Kong Sham Western Highway and then Shenzhen Bay Bridge.

Shenzhen Bay Port is open daily from 6.30 am to 12 midnight. The Hong Kong side of the Shenzhen Bay Bridge leading to Shenzhen Bay Port closes 30 minutes before the closure of the Port.

The bridge may be closed due to inclement weather or serious traffic incidents. Drivers should listen out for announcements from the relevant government departments of Hong Kong or Guangdong.

While driving on the bridge, take the right-hand lane when you see the traffic sign “Passenger Vehicles”. Then follow the road markings for “Passenger Vehicles” or you will miss the Passenger Clearance Area.

On approaching the Shenzhen Bay Port Control Area, take the traffic lane for passenger vehicles leading to the Passenger Clearance Area.

Soon you will see a traffic sign displaying “Control Point Ahead Get In Lane”.

Follow traffic signs displaying “Private Car” to reach the Passenger Clearance Area.

Clearance kiosks on Hong Kong side are classified as “Regular Quota” and “Regular and Ad Hoc Quota”

Private cars granted with ad hoc quotas must use the designated kiosks for immigration clearance. Drivers should pay attention to the instructions on the electronic display above the kiosks.

Private cars carrying non-Hong Kong residents among the passengers should complete clearance at kiosks showing “Visitor (Regular and Ad Hoc Quota)”.

If the driver and all passengers are Hong Kong residents, clearance should be completed at kiosks showing “Hong Kong Resident (Regular and Ad Hoc Quota)”.

When passing through immigration, the driver and passengers must go through routine clearance and produce valid identification documents, such as a Hong Kong Identity Card or travel documents.

After immigration clearance, the driver and passengers must declare to customs officers the luggage and anything else they are carrying. Upon completion, the driver must pay attention to and follow instructions given by the customs officer at the kiosk and as indicated on the display.

After clearance on Hong Kong side, the driver must have relevant documents issued by

the Mainland ready for inspection at the Mainland Boundary Control. The applicant and the designated driver must bring their Home Visit Permit. Passengers should also produce valid travel documents for Mainland immigration clearance.

Applicants granted with ad hoc quotas should note that the vehicle can only enter Guangdong Province via Shenzhen Bay Port once and can stay in the province for no more than seven days.

On the return journey to Hong Kong, the applicant must return through Shenzhen Bay Port.

Immigration clearance procedures for entry are similar to those for departure. Cars, drivers and passengers must first go through the Mainland Boundary Control for exit clearance and then through the Hong Kong Boundary Control for entry into Hong Kong. Drivers must use the designated kiosks for clearance on both sides.

Upon completion of immigration and customs clearance, the Department of Health will conduct health screening measures for the driver and all passengers.

We wish you all a pleasant journey!