

Annex 3

Vetting Criteria

An application will be refused if the proposed personalized vehicle registration mark —

- ✘ is likely to be offensive to a reasonable person, or has a connotation offensive to good taste or decency;
- ✘ refers to any triad title or nomenclature or otherwise has a triad connotation;
- ✘ is likely to cause a reasonable person to believe that the motor vehicle on which the registration mark is displayed belongs to or the person using the vehicle represents any of the following —
 - the Hong Kong Garrison or any office set up by the Central People's Government in Hong Kong;
 - the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
 - any public body (i.e. the Executive Council, the Legislative Council, any District Council, the Judiciary, the Independent Commission Against Corruption or any department of the Government);
 - any country or the government of any country; or
 - an international organization in which the Government participates in any capacity;
- ✘ may cause danger to the safety of any user of the road; or
- ✘ is confusing for the purposes of law enforcement.

A proposed mark may be considered confusing for the purpose of law enforcement if the reading of the mark is difficult (e.g. "WWWVWWW") or if it may be confused with another mark (e.g. "REBECCA" vs "RE8ECCA").

Without prejudice to the discretion of the Commissioner for Transport exercised under the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations, the above examples are for reference only.