

**Assisting Cross-boundary Vehicles Stranded in the Mainland or Macao  
to Return to Hong Kong for Vehicle Examination**

**Terms and Conditions**

**I. Overview**

The Transport Department (TD) has launched the **Facilitation Measure** since 13 December 2021, allowing cross-boundary vehicles stranded in the Mainland or Macao to return to Hong Kong by driving to Car Park 3 of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Port/designated location and then being transferred by local towing service to the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre for vehicle examination and renewing the Hong Kong vehicle licence. In order to further assist cross-boundary vehicles which are still stranded in the Mainland or Macao to return to Hong Kong to complete the vehicle examination and licence renewal procedures, the TD has further implemented **Additional Facilitation Measure** on 1 March 2023, eligible cross-boundary vehicles may be driven on a specified date along a designated route to the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre where an appointment had been scheduled in advance for vehicle examination upon their return to Hong Kong via the HZMB Port and complete the licence renewal procedures subsequently. Both the Facilitation Measure and the Additional Facilitation Measure are open for application so that more eligible cross-boundary vehicles will be able to return to Hong Kong for vehicle examination.

**II. Application details**

(a) Application period:

- Additional Facilitation Measure: 1 March – 16 June 2023
- Facilitation Measure: 13 December 2021 – 16 June 2023

(b) Date of return of vehicle:

- Additional Facilitation Measure: 15 March – 30 June 2023
- Facilitation Measure: 27 December 2021 – 30 June 2023

- (c) Daily limit on the number of vehicles returning to Hong Kong: TD will set a daily limit on the number of vehicles returning to Hong Kong. Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis and applicants are advised to submit their applications to TD as early as possible according to their needs. If the number of applications has reached the quota limit, the applications beyond that will not be accepted. TD will contact the applicants individually for the issue.
- (d) Planned date of return: The applicant shall apply to TD two weeks in advance of the planned date of return. Upon vetting, an approval letter will be issued to successful applicants and the designated driver will need to bring the letter with him on the date of return. In case of special events, some of the dates may be unavailable for application. Applicants are advised to visit TD's website (<http://www.td.gov.hk>) for the latest arrangements of the measures before submitting their applications.
- (e) Eligibility: The applicant must be the registered owner of the vehicle under application. The vehicle must meet the following requirements, including that (1) it has already been registered in Hong Kong<sup>1</sup>; (2) its vehicle licence has expired and cannot be renewed unless the vehicle has passed a vehicle examination in Hong Kong; and (3) the vehicle is still stranded in the Mainland or Macao at the time of application submission.
- (f) Application method: The completed application form and the required documents should be submitted to the Cross Boundary Unit of TD (Address: Room 1032, 10/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong) by the following means:

(1) By email to [crossboundaryunit@td.gov.hk](mailto:crossboundaryunit@td.gov.hk);

(2) By post or via drop-in box; or

(3) In person or by an agent:

*Service hours:*

*Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays)*

*9.00 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. (open during lunch hours)*

*If the application is submitted by an agent, the agent is required to produce his/her identity document for record purpose.*

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<sup>1</sup> The approved vehicle shall remain a registered vehicle in Hong Kong at the time of application as well as the time of vehicle examination to ensure that it can undergo the vehicle examination at the designated car testing centre.

(g) Application procedures:

**Step 1: Applicant submits an application**

Before submitting an application, the applicant shall:

- make necessary arrangements for the designated driver in response to the latest requirements of entering Hong Kong, such as making an appointment under the Return2hk/Come2hk Scheme for the designated driver under application (when applicable), etc.;
- book a towing service (Only applicable to the Facilitation Measure); and
- make an appointment with a designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre for vehicle examination.

The applicant should submit the completed application form and relevant supporting documents to the Cross Boundary Unit of TD according to the application method (see paragraph II (f) above) mentioned in this Terms and Conditions.

**Step 2: TD vets the application and publishes a notice in the gazette**

Upon receipt of the application, TD will vet the application and issue an approval letter to successful applicants, stating the approved date of return, vehicle registration mark and the approval conditions, etc. TD will also publish a gazette notice to exempt the approved cross-boundary vehicles to return to Hong Kong on a specified date from the regulations on vehicle registration and licensing. Please note the details and conditions of the exemption contained in this Terms and Conditions (see Part III).

**Step 3: The approved designated driver drives the vehicle back to Hong Kong on a specified date**

- Additional Facilitation Measure: The approved designated driver should drive the designated vehicle on the specified date and return to Hong Kong via the HZMB Port, bringing along the completed application form and the approval letter issued by the TD. The approved vehicle is advised to return to Hong Kong early on the date of return in order to avoid failure to arrive at the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre on time due to

special road conditions and other circumstances, etc.

- Facilitation Measure: The approved designated driver should drive the designated vehicle on the specified date from 10am to 5pm (for cross-boundary private cars) / from 10am to 12 noon (for other vehicles), bringing along the approval letter issued by TD, travelling along the designated route (see **Attached map**)<sup>2</sup> via the HZMB Port to Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port (for cross-boundary private cars)/designated parking location (for other vehicles).

#### **Step 4: The approved vehicle going to a designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre for vehicle examination**

- Additional Facilitation Measure: After returning to Hong Kong via the HZMB Port, the approved designated vehicle shall be driven directly to the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre which an appointment has been made in advance for vehicle examination.
- Facilitation Measure: After parking at Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated location, the approved designated vehicle shall be transferred via a self-arranged local towing service by the vehicle owner to a local designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre for vehicle examination.

#### **Step 5: Renewing the vehicle licence**

After the vehicle has passed the vehicle examination, the vehicle owner may apply to the Licensing Offices of TD for renewal of the vehicle licence.

(h) Required documents for application: The completed application form shall be submitted together with the following supporting documents:

- (1) Copy of Mainland approval notice (i.e. valid electronic approval notice issued by the Guangdong Public Security Department (not applicable to holders of Regular Quota for Hong Kong Private Cars to Macao);
- (2) In the case of a company being the registered vehicle owner, copy of the

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<sup>2</sup> Motorists are advised to attend to the latest traffic news and take heed of the instructions from the police officers on site in case of special circumstances such as traffic accidents or road maintenance works at the designated routes.

Certificate of Incorporation/Certificate of Registration of Non-Hong Kong Company/Certificate of Change of Name/Certificate of Registration of Alteration of Name of Registered Non-Hong Kong Company (Business Registration Certificate will not be accepted);

- (3) Copy of Hong Kong vehicle registration document;
  - (4) Copies of the designated driver's identity document and valid Hong Kong Full Driving Licence;
  - (5) Copy of designated reserve driver's valid Hong Kong Full Driving Licence;
  - (6) Copy of Hong Kong third party risk insurance / cover note valid on the date of return;
  - (7) For return from the Mainland/Macao: Copy of Mainland compulsory traffic accident liability insurance for motor vehicles valid on the day of return;
  - (8) For return from Macao: Copy of Macao statutory vehicle insurance valid on the day of return (Applicable to vehicles stranded in Macao);
  - (9) Booking record of towing service (Only applicable to the Facilitation Measure); and
  - (10) Booking record of vehicle examination service (Only applicable to the Additional Facilitation Measure).
- (i) Result of application: Under normal circumstances, TD will inform applicants of the result about five working days after receipt of the application. The approved vehicle must return to Hong Kong on the specified date in accordance with the conditions set out in the approval letter.

### **III. Details and conditions of the exemption**

#### **A. Facilitation Measure**

- (a) Scope of exemption: The exemption is only applicable to vehicles driving along the HZMB Hong Kong Section and the designated route on the specified date for reaching Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated parking location. It does not affect the application of other laws, including but not limited to the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and its subsidiary legislations (except Cap. 374E) of Hong Kong to the aforesaid vehicles when they are being driven on a road in Hong Kong. The approved vehicles shall no longer be exempted from the Road Traffic

(Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374E) after their departure from Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated parking location.

- (b) Specified date and designated route: The approved vehicle is only allowed to travel along the designated route to Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port (for cross-boundary private cars)/designated parking location (for other vehicles) on the date specified in the approval letter from 10am to 5pm (for cross-boundary private cars) / from 10am to 12 noon (for other vehicles). The vehicle shall then be transferred via a self-arranged towing service by the applicant to a local designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre (with pre-arranged appointment) for vehicle examination. The designated route and parking location are shown in the **Attached map**. The approved vehicle shall travel along the designated route as required. Otherwise, it will constitute an offence and enforcement actions may be taken by law enforcement agencies <sup>3</sup>.
- (c) Parking fee and location: The approved vehicles shall be parked at Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated location upon entry into Hong Kong and the conditions of use of the car park/parking location shall be observed. Under the facilitation measures, reservation of parking space at Car Park 3 in advance is not necessary. The hourly parking rate at Car Park 3 is HK\$20 for the first two hours, HK\$30 for the third hour and HK\$40 for the fourth hour and thereafter. Before the vehicle is being towed away from Car Park 3, the approved designated driver should first complete relevant procedures and pay the parking fees incurred by the towing vehicle and the approved vehicle at the Office of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port Car Park. Otherwise, parking fees will continue to be charged according to the prescribed hourly rates.
- (d) Designated driver: The approved vehicles shall only be driven by the designated driver on their inbound trip to Hong Kong. The designated driver shall comply with the latest disease prevention measures and requirements of entering Hong Kong and bring along the approval letter on the date of return for checking by law enforcement officers. If the designated driver is denied entry into Hong Kong at the HZMB Hong Kong Port or is unable to drive the vehicle to Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated parking location on the day of return, the applicant must engage a reserve driver (Hong Kong driver) to drive the vehicle

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<sup>3</sup> If the approved vehicle does not travel along the designated route as required, TD will take follow-up actions unless there are such special circumstances as traffic accidents or road maintenance works, etc. at the designated route.

stranded at the Port area to Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated location for parking.

In that case, applicants must engage the reserve driver as stated in the approval letter to drive the vehicle stranded at the Port area to Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated location for parking so that the local towing service arranged by the applicant may carry on.

- (e) Use of vehicles: The approval is only applicable to vehicles entering Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated location for parking. The approved vehicle **is not allowed** to be used on roads on any dates other than the specified date or for any purposes other than that under the facilitation measure (i.e. arranging the entry of vehicle into Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated location), and it shall not be used to carry passengers or goods when returning to Hong Kong.
- (f) Insurance: The approved vehicle and the designated driver shall be covered by a valid policy of insurance in respect of third party risks pursuant to the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance (Cap. 272) and the Mainland compulsory traffic accident liability insurance for motor vehicles on the specified date. If the approved vehicle is in Macao, the approved vehicle and the designated driver shall also be covered by a valid Macao statutory vehicle insurance on the specified date.
- (g) Towing arrangement: The applicant shall, via a self-arranged local towing service, tow the vehicle from Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated location during the period from 10am to 5pm so as to undergo vehicle examination at a local designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre prior to their arrangement for vehicle licence renewal.
- (h) Designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre: For relevant information, please refer to TD's webpage at:  
[https://www.td.gov.hk/tc/public\\_services/vehicle\\_typeapp\\_examination/vehicle\\_examination/index.html#3](https://www.td.gov.hk/tc/public_services/vehicle_typeapp_examination/vehicle_examination/index.html#3)
- (i) When the approved vehicle has passed the examination and is issued a Certificate of Roadworthiness, the applicant shall apply for the renewal of vehicle licence by himself/herself.

- (j) Under this special arrangement, the vehicle will normally be exempted once only. The approved vehicle must return to Hong Kong via the HZMB port on the specified date as stated in the approval letter and arrange towing service to transfer the vehicle to a local designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre for vehicle examination prior to the arrangement for vehicle licence renewal.
- (k) If the Mainland vehicle licences and driving licence of relevant drivers (including vehicle licence of the People's Republic of China and electronic approval notice issued by the Guangdong Public Security Department, etc.) of the vehicle under application are expired or cannot satisfy the requirements of the Mainland, the applicant is required to arrange a cross-boundary towing service to Car Park 3 of the HZMB Hong Kong Port/designated location for parking, or to the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre direct.
- (l) If the arrangement for the approved vehicle to return to Hong Kong is cancelled, the applicant must inform the Cross Boundary Unit of TD (by email to [crossboundaryunit@td.gov.hk](mailto:crossboundaryunit@td.gov.hk)) with justifications two days in advance of the specified date of return. If the applicant fails to do so, TD will keep this on record and take this into account when processing similar applications in future.
- (m) After returning to Hong Kong under the facilitation measures and passing the vehicle examination and renewing relevant licences, the approved vehicle must comply with the entry requirements and regulations of the Mainland or Macao if it needs to travel to the Mainland or Macao again via land-based crossings.

## **B. Additional Facilitation Measure**

- (a) Scope of exemption: The exemption is only applicable to vehicles driving along the HZMB Hong Kong Section and the designated route on the specified date for reaching the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre which an appointment has been made in advance. It does not affect the application of other laws, including but not limited to the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and its subsidiary legislations (except Cap. 374E) of Hong Kong to the aforesaid vehicles when they are being driven on a road in Hong Kong. The approved vehicles shall no longer be exempted from the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374E) after arriving at the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre which an appointment has been made in advance.



- (b) Specified date and designated route: The approved vehicle is only allowed to travel directly to the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre which an appointment has been made in advance along the designated route specified in the application form. The approved vehicle shall travel along the designated route as required. Otherwise, it will constitute an offence and enforcement actions may be taken by law enforcement agencies <sup>4</sup>.
- (c) Designated driver: The approved vehicles shall only be driven by the designated driver as stated in the approval letter on their inbound trip to Hong Kong. The designated driver shall comply with the latest disease prevention measures and requirements of entering Hong Kong and bring along the approval letter as well as the completed application form on the date of return for checking by law enforcement officers. If the designated driver is denied entry into Hong Kong at the HZMB Hong Kong Port or is unable to drive the vehicle to the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre for vehicle examination, the applicant must engage a reserve driver (Hong Kong driver) to drive the vehicle stranded at the Port area to the designated car testing centre for vehicle examination.
- (d) Use of vehicles: The approval is only applicable to vehicles reaching the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre which an appointment has been made in advance **direct** via the HZMB Port. The approved vehicle **is not allowed** to be used on roads on any dates other than the specified date or for any purposes other than that under the Additional Facilitation Measure (i.e. the vehicle being driven via the HZMB Port to the designated car testing centre/vehicle examination centre which an appointment has been made in advance direct), and it shall not be used to carry passengers or goods when returning to Hong Kong.
- (e) Insurance: The approved vehicle and the designated driver shall be covered by a valid policy of insurance in respect of third party risks pursuant to the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance (Cap. 272) and the Mainland compulsory traffic accident liability insurance for motor vehicles on the specified date. If the approved vehicle is in Macao, the approved vehicle and the designated driver shall also be covered by a valid Macao statutory vehicle insurance on the specified date.

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**Designated route and parking location**

