

**Trial and Pilot Use of Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) –
Disapplication Notice (1/2026)**

1. Pilot Scheme

Under the Road Traffic (Autonomous Vehicles) Regulation (Cap. 374AA), a Pilot Licence, with validity from 21 November 2025 to 6 November 2030 (both days inclusive), was issued with conditions to Airport Authority Hong Kong on 30 October 2025 regarding their pilot scheme to be conducted at Airportcity Link (“ACL”) as defined under section 1 of Schedule 1 to the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port (“HZMB HK Port”) and Hong Kong Link Road Closed Area (Permission to Enter) Notice (Cap. 245M) (the “Pilot Scheme”). This Notice is made with respect to this particular Pilot Scheme only and should be read with the corresponding Pilot Licence and AV Certificates issued / to be issued.

2. Revocation, Commencement and Validity

This Notice will take effect on 23 July 2026 and expire on 6 November 2030 (both days inclusive). The Commissioner may vary, suspend or revoke a disapplication notice for any reason, including a reason specified in Section 147(2) of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374).

3. Disapplication

I hereby exempt with conditions set out in Part 4 below, by virtue of section 146 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374), the pilot matters with respect to the Pilot Scheme from the statutory requirements / restrictions under the following traffic provisions:

(a) Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374A)

Regulation 24B	- Speed Limiter	Condition 1
Regulation 26	- Driver’s Accommodation	Condition 2
Regulations 39(2), (3) and 39(AAB)	- Reflecting Mirrors	Condition 3
Regulation 47	- Painting of Vehicles	Condition 4
Regulation 49	- Markings on Public Light Buses and Private Light Buses	Condition 4
Regulation 50	- Additional Markings on Public Light Buses	Condition 5
Regulation 67(1)	- Entrances and exits on light buses	Condition 6
Regulation 68(2A)(a)	- Doors	Condition 7
Regulation 76(1)	- Driver’s Accommodation	Condition 8

(b) Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374D)

Regulation 12(3)(b) and Schedule 2	- Passenger Service Licence Certificate and Plate	Condition 4
Regulation 40	- Soliciting	Condition 9
Regulation 50(2) and Schedule 6(2)	- Destination Indicators and Fares to be Displayed on Public Light Buses	Condition 10
Regulation 51(5A), (5B), (6), (7) and (8)	- Information to be displayed on certain public service vehicles	Condition 11

(c) Road Traffic (Public Light Buses: Limit on Number) Notice 2016 (Cap. 374X)

Section 2	- Limit on Number of Public Light Buses	Condition 12
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4. Conditions

Condition 1	- The functionality of the speed limiter shall be performed by the vehicle control unit with speed limiting function.
Condition 2	- The direction indicators of the AV shall enable the provision of direction indications to other road users and maintaining the same level of safety. When the directional indicators of the AV malfunction, the AV can only be towed by appropriate motor vehicles or transported via other suitable means but not by manual driving.
Condition 3	- The camera monitoring system ("CMS") shall be used in the AV which should provide the same or even higher level of functionality comparing to the traditional reflecting mirrors, such as (i) provision a clear view for observing traffic to rear and on both side rearwards; and (ii) provision of a full and clear view of any passenger who is alighting from the vehicle.
Condition 4	- The AV should only be used on ACL, a designated road with no other vehicles, such that there will be no ambiguity to the passengers and other road users.
Condition 5	- The number of maximum passengers shall be printed on a rectangular sticker with transparent background and word content in white or grey and displayed near the entrance of vehicle. Such display shall not be blocked during opening of the entrance door of the AV.
Condition 6	- The AV shall be constructed with one double-door exit at the near side of vehicle and eight emergency windows (i.e. three windows at near side, four windows at off side and one window at rear side of the vehicle) in accordance with GB 13094-2017 or equivalent standard.
Condition 7	- When the AV is being operated by a remote backup operator, an active notification signal with sound and visual alarm shall be prompted to the remote backup operator at the remote control centre when the door is not securely closed. In addition, the AV must not be operated to move if the door is not securely closed.

- Condition 8 - When the AV is being operated by a remote backup operator, the remote backup operator shall be able to see the passengers in the AV via the CCTV system installed on the AV.
- Condition 9 - Staff assisting and promoting AV passenger service shall be allowed at the two dedicated stops, namely 11 SKIES Shopping Mall and HZMB HK Port.
- Condition 10 - Fare collection shall be performed at the station platform(s) of the two dedicated stops, namely 11 SKIES Shopping Mall and HZMB HK Port.
- Condition 11 - When the vehicle is controlled by an in-vehicle backup operator, the driver's surname shall be displayed on the digital display inside the AV. When the AV is controlled by a remote backup operator, only the message of 'autonomous vehicle in operation' shall be displayed on the digital display.
- Condition 12 - The limit on number of public light buses shall be excluded from this AV pilot scheme provided that the AV is only used on ACL which is a designated road with no other vehicles.

5. Date of Issue

23 July 2026