

Code of Practice for the Loading of Vehicles revised

The Transport Department (TD) published in the Gazette today (February 22) the revised Code of Practice for the Loading of Vehicles. The purpose of the code is to ensure that owners, operators and drivers of goods vehicles are aware of their obligations with regard to the safe transportation of goods in accordance with the law, and also to provide guidance as to the most appropriate means of achieving this.

The major revisions to the code include:

- (1) Adding the requirement on installation of a reversing video device in goods vehicles;
- (2) Adding the guidance on principles of load safety and transportation of high loads;
- (3) Supplementing the guidance on selection of load carrying vehicles and arrangement of loads;
- (4) Adding guidance on the use of anchorage points and headboards;
- (5) Adding guidance on the use of load securing equipment and requirements for securing loads; and
- (6) Supplementing the guidance on transporting different types of freight.

A spokesman for the TD reminded operators of goods vehicles to read the code in detail so as to better know the requirements on the transportation of goods as stipulated in the existing legislation, and to follow the guidance provided. This will ensure the safety of road users and the public at large.

Members of the public may download the revised code, which is available in Chinese and English free of charge from the TD website (www.td.gov.hk), or obtain the printed version for free at the Licensing Offices of the TD and District Offices.