

Facilitation measures for immigration clearance implemented by Guangdong Provincial Government for cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers who have received two COVID-19 vaccine doses

The Transport Department (TD) said today (April 16) that in response to the developments of COVID-19, the Governments of Guangdong Province and Hong Kong have implemented anti-epidemic measures under the co-operation mechanism on joint prevention and control of COVID-19 to ensure the stable supply of goods and essential commodities to Hong Kong and to facilitate the smooth arrangement of immigration clearance and operation of cross-boundary goods vehicles. As the Chief Executive stated on April 12, in light of the gradual stabilisation of the epidemic situation, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government will adjust the anti-epidemic measures with the vaccine bubble concept as the basis, including the implementation of facilitation measures for cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers who have received two vaccine doses for 14 days. To this end, the HKSAR Government has gained consent from the Guangdong Provincial Government to allow cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers who have completed two vaccine doses for 14 days to continue to be exempted from quarantine and relax the daily nucleic acid test requirement gradually.

As informed by the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province, starting from 0.00am on April 23, cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers who have received two vaccine doses for 14 days, and received a message in the mini-program of WeChat on the system of the Yuekang Code (粤康码) at the Yueshengshi (粤省事) issued by Guangdong Province based on the information provided by the TD, are only required to possess proof of a negative result of a nucleic acid test conducted within 72 hours when entering Shenzhen and Zhuhai, and they are not required to undergo a nucleic acid test once every day. For those cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers who have not been vaccinated, have not received two vaccine doses or have received two vaccine doses for less than 14 days, or have not yet received a notification message on the system of the Yuekang Code, they are still required to possess proof of a negative result of a nucleic acid test conducted within 72 hours when entering Shenzhen and Zhuhai and undergo a nucleic acid test when they first enter Shenzhen and Zhuhai daily.

According to the registration records of the TD, there are currently about 11,000 cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers, among which about 7,000 are active as shown in the relevant information. As of April 15, about 6,700

cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers have received the first vaccine dose and about 5,700 have received their second dose, representing over 90 per cent and 80 per cent of active cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers respectively.

The TD encourages cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers to get vaccinated early, and appeals to the trade to pay attention to the latest announcements by the two Governments. Cross-boundary goods vehicles drivers who have any enquiries on the latest arrangements of cross-boundary nucleic acid testing may call the TD's hotline at 2399 6925.