

Revised categorisation of first registration vehicle status to be implemented from January 2, 2019

The Transport Department (TD) today (December 21) reminded members of the public that with effect from January 2, 2019, the revised categorisation of First Registration Vehicle Status (vehicle status) will be implemented. By then, the vehicle status of all vehicles first registered will be categorised as follows on vehicle registration documents:

A – prior to importation into Hong Kong for sale, the vehicle has either never been registered outside Hong Kong, or was registered outside Hong Kong but in a manner that the vehicle was not permitted to be used on roads, with documentary proof.

B – prior to importation into Hong Kong for sale, the vehicle has never been registered outside Hong Kong as declared by the vehicle importer.

C1 – the vehicle has been registered outside Hong Kong prior to importation to Hong Kong for sale. The length of the period of such registration is shorter than 15 days as proved by supporting documents.

C2 – the vehicle has been registered outside Hong Kong prior to importation to Hong Kong for sale, other than vehicles categorised as C1.

D – the vehicle was imported by the registered owner into Hong Kong for own use.

E – the vehicle was assembled in Hong Kong with specified additions to the imported chassis/cab and chassis.

F – the vehicle was acquired through auction from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government.

For vehicles registered before January 2, 2019, their status shown on the vehicle registration document will remain unchanged.

"The revised vehicle status will provide a factual description on the vehicles upon first registration prior to importation to Hong Kong, e.g. whether the vehicle had been registered outside Hong Kong. It will neither indicate nor imply the condition of use of the vehicle or its level of wear and tear. This objective information will enable the public, in particular the vehicle owners and potential vehicle buyers, to know the actual status of the vehicles on their first registration and make an informed decision on vehicle purchase," the spokesman for the TD said.

To complement the introduction of the revised categorisation of vehicle status, the TD will strengthen the verification process of the registration history of vehicles in overseas so as to ensure proper categorisation. Stakeholders have been informed of the relevant arrangement.

For enquiries, please visit the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk/en/public_services/licences_and_permits/vehicle_first_registra

[tion/index.html](#)) or call the TD's Hong Kong Licensing Office at 2804 2634 or the enquiry hotline at 2804 2600.

Appointment to Board of Ocean Park Corporation announced

The Government announced today (December 21) that the Chief Executive has re-appointed Mr Michael Hobson to the Board of the Ocean Park Corporation (OPC) for a period of two years from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

"We are grateful to Mr Hobson and all OPC board members for their hard work in pursuing the development of Ocean Park. With board members' devotion and wide ranging expertise, Ocean Park will continue to grow as a world-class leading marine-themed attraction," a spokesman for the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau said.

The OPC is a statutory body established under the Ocean Park Corporation Ordinance to manage Ocean Park as a public recreational and educational park.

Appointment of Non-official Members to ICAC-Related Committees

The Government announced today (December 21) that the Chief Executive has made appointments and re-appointments to the four Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) advisory committees, namely the Advisory Committee on Corruption (ACOC), the Operations Review Committee (ORC), the Corruption Prevention Advisory Committee (CPAC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations (CACCR), and to the ICAC Complaints Committee (ICC). All of the appointments and re-appointments are for a term of two years with effect from January 1, 2019.

ACOC

The Chief Executive has appointed Mr Martin Liao Cheung-kong as Chairman and Ms Irene Chow Man-ling as a member of the ACOC. Legislative Council (LegCo) Members Mr Chan Hak-kan and Mr Abraham Shek Lai-him, and Mrs Carrie Yau Tsang Ka-lai have also been re-appointed to the ACOC as members.

Mr Martin Liao Cheung-kong is a barrister in private practice. He is

currently serving on the Executive Council and the LegCo.

Ms Irene Chow Man-ling is a Certified Financial Analyst. She is the Honorary Chairman of the Youth Committee under the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong.

The ACOC advises the Commissioner of the ICAC (the Commissioner) on any aspects of corruption problems in Hong Kong, and keeps the operational, staffing and administrative policies of the ICAC under review.

ORC

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The Chief Executive has appointed Mr Michael Ho Mun-ka, Mr Paul Lam Ting-kwok and Ms Nicole Yuen Shuk-kam as members of the ORC. Mr John Chan Chong-kun, LegCo Member Mr Ronick Chan Chun-ying, Mr Chew Fook-aun, Mr Hans Michael Jebesen, Professor Paul Lam Kwan-sing and Dr Kelvin Wong Tin-yau have also been re-appointed to the ORC as members.

Mr Michael Ho Mun-ka was a Registered Nurse before his retirement. He is also a former LegCo Member.

Mr Paul Lam Ting-kwok is a Senior Counsel. He is currently Chairman of the Administrative Appeals Board as well as the Appeal Board (Amusement Game Centres).

Ms Nicole Yuen Shuk-kam used to work in the investment banking field. She now serves on the Process Review Panel in relation to the Regulation of Mandatory Provident Fund Intermediaries and the Statistics Advisory Board.

The ORC oversees all the ICAC investigations. It reviews corruption complaints received and investigations conducted by the ICAC to ensure that they are handled effectively and efficiently. It also examines circumstances where search warrants are authorised by the Commissioner, where persons have been put on bail for more than six months, and where investigations have been lasting for over a year or require substantial resources.

CPAC

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The Chief Executive has appointed Mr Winson Woo Lap-kee as a member of the CPAC. Ms Kuby Chan Yin-hung, Mr Sunny Cheung Yiu-tong, Mr Alex Chu Wing-yiu, Mr Stephen Lai Yuk-fai, Mrs Yvonne Law Shing Mo-han, Ms Melissa Kaye Pang and Miss Theresa Yeung Wing-shan have also been re-appointed to the CPAC as members.

Mr Winson Woo Lap-kee is a partner of an international accounting firm. He specialises in applying big data analytics and technologies in managing fraud and various types of risks.

The CPAC receives and calls for reports from the ICAC about practices and procedures of government departments, public bodies and the private

sector which may be conducive to corruption. It also advises the Commissioner on what areas should be examined and the degree of priority to be accorded to each.

CACCR

The Chief Executive has appointed Mr Mac Chan Ho-ting, Mr Eddy Hui Shun, Mr Chris Ip Ngo-tung, Mr Webster Ng Kam-wah, Mr Victor Pang Wing-seng, Mr Rocky Tung Yat-ngok and Mr Wong Wai-kit as members of the CACCR. Ms Chan Yuen-ling, Ms Julianne Pearl Doe, Professor Anthony Fung Ying-him and Mr James Mok Hon-fai have also been re-appointed to the CACCR as members.

Mr Mac Chan Ho-ting is a young solicitor. He is currently serving on several advisory bodies, including the Lantau Development Advisory Committee and the Youth Development Commission.

Mr Eddy Hui Shun is an expert in the creative and multimedia industry. He is currently a member of the CreateSmart Initiative Vetting Committee and a co-opted member of the CACCR.

Mr Chris Ip Ngo-tung is the Chairman of Yau Tsim Mong District Council. He is also a member of the Municipal Services Appeals Board and a board member of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority.

Mr Webster Ng Kam-wah is a professional accountant. He is currently Vice-President of the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong and a member of the Lotteries Fund Advisory Committee.

Mr Victor Pang Wing-seng is the Director and General Manager of an export company. He currently serves as member on the Award Council of the Hong Kong Award for Young People, the Joint Committee on Student Finance and the Fight Crime Committee.

Mr Rocky Tung Yat-ngok has ample experience in the field of economic and policy research. He currently works for the CFA Institute, which is a global and not-for-profit association which promotes the highest ethical standards in the investment management industry.

Mr Wong Wai-kit is the Vice Chairman of the Tsuen Wan District Council. He is also a member of the Municipal Services Appeals Board and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education.

The CACCR advises the Commissioner on appropriate measures to foster public support in combating corruption and to educate the public against the evils of corruption. It also monitors community response to the ICAC's work and public attitudes towards corruption in general.

ICC

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The Chief Executive has appointed Miss Maggie Wong Pui-kei and Mr Stephen Yiu Kin-wah as members of the ICC.

Miss Maggie Wong Pui-kei is a Senior Counsel newly appointed in 2018. Her practice focuses on criminal law.

Mr Stephen Yiu Kin-wah is the former Chairman of an international accounting firm. He currently serves as an independent non-executive director of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.

The ICC monitors the handling of non-criminal complaints against the ICAC, reviews the ICAC procedures and practices which may lead to complaints, and makes recommendations when necessary.

The Government expresses its gratitude to all outgoing members of the above-mentioned committees who are retiring on December 31, 2018 for their valuable contributions to the work of the respective committees.

The updated non-official membership lists of the four ICAC advisory committees and the ICC are at Annex.

United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2018 gazetted

The Government today (December 21) gazetted the United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2018 (the Regulation), which came into operation today.

"The Regulation implements sanctions against the Democratic Republic of the Congo imposed by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2424," a government spokesman said.

The sanctions implemented under the Regulation include:

- prohibition against the supply, sale, transfer or carriage of any arms or related materiel to persons operating in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- prohibition against the provision of any assistance, advice or training related to military activities to persons operating in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- prohibition against making available to certain persons or entities any economic assets, or dealing with economic assets of such persons or entities; and
- prohibition against the entry into or transit through the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by certain persons.

United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2018 gazetted

The Government today (December 21) gazetted the United Nations Sanctions (Mali) Regulation 2018 (the Regulation), which came into operation today.

"The Regulation implements sanctions against Mali imposed by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2432," a government spokesman said.

The sanctions implemented under the Regulation include:

- prohibition against making available to certain persons or entities any economic assets, or dealing with economic assets of such persons or entities; and
- prohibition against entry into or transit through the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by certain persons.