

EPD convictions in February

Forty-two convictions were recorded in February 2021 for breaches of legislation enforced by the Environmental Protection Department.

Eight of the convictions were under the Noise Control Ordinance, 23 were under the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation, two were under the Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance and nine were under the Waste Disposal Ordinance.

A company was fined \$28,000, which was the heaviest fine in February, for exporting waste not for recycling without a permit.

Government completes enforcement action on compulsory testing notice at building in Sai Ying Pun

The Central and Western District Office together with Western Police District, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health and the Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) conducted an enforcement operation today (March 12) at a building in Sai Ying Pun, which was included in a compulsory testing notice earlier. The operation started at around 7am and ended at around 10am today.

Starting from around 7am today, residents of Sing Fai Building, 8-12 Wilmer Street, Sai Ying Pun, were requested to provide the SMS notification received through a mobile phone or related certification containing the results of COVID-19 tests, to show that they had taken such tests as required pursuant to the compulsory testing notice of the building within the specified period issued by the Government earlier on. The Government arranged for staff to verify the testing certification of the residents at the entrances/exits of the building, and conducted checks in the building to verify whether residents had undergone testing in compliance with the requirement.

During the operation, test records of around 170 residents were checked. Among them, three persons were found to have violated the compulsory testing notice. The Government has issued compulsory testing orders and/or fixed penalties of \$5,000 to them, requiring them to undergo testing within a specified period. Non-compliance with a compulsory testing order is an offence, and offenders are liable to a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months.

The Government reiterates that the aim of issuing a compulsory testing notice is to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the community as soon as possible to protect overall public health and safety. Persons subject to testing under a compulsory testing notice should, as far as reasonably practicable, take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene, and, unless for the purpose of undergoing the specified test, stay at their place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible.

The Government wishes to thank the many residents who had complied with the compulsory testing notice for their co-operation to fight against the virus together. The Government will continue to enforce the law strictly. All persons subject to compulsory testing should comply with the compulsory testing notice. Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notice may be liable to a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Non-compliance with the order is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months.

The Central and Western District Office is grateful for the support and co-operation of the Police, the CHP and the AMS to enable the enforcement action to be carried out smoothly. The Government understands that the enforcement process may cause some inconvenience to the residents, but hopes that the residents can understand.

[Hong Kong Customs officer preliminarily tests positive for COVID-19](#)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs last night (March 11) learned that a Customs officer has preliminarily tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The officer is posted to the West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and mainly performed logistics duties without contact with members of the public at work. She last performed her duties this Tuesday (March 9) and is now under medical treatment.

The officer has no recent travel history. She has been wearing surgical masks when performing duties and has properly maintained social distancing with people she has had contact with. Her body temperature was normal when

undergoing temperature screening during work without any symptoms.

The department has been closely co-operating with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) on the CHP's epidemiological investigations to follow up on the situations of the colleagues working at the same venue with her. The concerned working places have also been arranged to undergo a thorough cleaning and sterilisation.

Customs has all along been highly concerned about the epidemic of COVID-19. Apart from continuing to step up the cleaning and sterilising measures, the department also reminds all officers to strictly comply with the hygienic measures of infectious diseases provided by the CHP. The officers will also be reminded to consult a doctor promptly if they have any discomforting symptoms.

[Government proposes to reconstruct existing seawall in West Kowloon](#)

The Government intends to reconstruct a section of the existing seawall within an area of approximately 690 square metres of foreshore and seabed in West Kowloon for the purpose of constructing a stormwater drainage outfall. The extent of the area of foreshore and seabed affected is described in a [Government notice](#) gazetted today (March 12).

The proposed works are scheduled to commence in mid-2022 for completion by the end of 2025.

The notice and its related plan are posted near the site. The plan is also available for inspection at:

- * Survey and Mapping Office of the Lands Department (23/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong) (where copies can be purchased on order);
- * Yau Tsim Mong Home Affairs Enquiry Centre of the Yau Tsim Mong District Office (G/F, Mong Kok Government Offices, 30 Luen Wan Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon); and
- * Lands Department's website (www.landsd.gov.hk) under Government Notices.

Any person who considers that he or she has an interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and seabed involved may submit a written objection to the Director of Lands, 20/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, within two months from the above-mentioned date, i.e. on or before May 12. The notice of such objection shall describe the interest, right or easement of the objector and the manner in which he or

she will be allegedly affected.

Construction of West Kowloon Cultural District southern landing facility proposed

The Government intends to carry out public infrastructure works for the southern landing facility within an area of approximately 8,710 square metres of foreshore and seabed in the southern part of West Kowloon Cultural District. The extent of the area of foreshore and seabed affected is described in a [Government notice](#) gazetted today (March 12).

The proposed works are tentatively scheduled to commence in early 2022 for completion by mid-2024.

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