

Annex

**The Mainland's New Liberalisation Measures on Trade in Services
under the Amendment Agreement II**

Services Sectors	New Liberalisation Measures	Nature	Benefits
Accounting services	➤ When determining the duration of residency in the Mainland for Hong Kong certified public accountants who hold the Mainland certified public accountant qualification and practise as partners of accounting firms in the Mainland, the days spent on travelling between the Mainland and Hong Kong are counted towards the days of residency in the Mainland, and any part of a day is counted as a full day.	Relaxing the qualification requirement	Facilitating Hong Kong accountants to develop business in the Mainland.
Construction and related engineering services	➤ To allow town planning enterprises on the list of consultants of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to provide strategic planning, conceptual planning, urban studies and design, etc. except master planning and detailed planning services in Guangdong Province after filing of records.	Relaxing the qualification requirement	Facilitating related enterprises to start businesses and provide services in Guangdong Province.

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Construction and related engineering services	➤ To extend the scope of the “Interim Guidelines for the Management of Hong Kong Engineering Construction Consultant Enterprises and Professionals Starting Business and Practising in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Cities” to allow general practice surveying enterprises to provide professional services in the nine Pearl River Delta municipalities in the GBA and also in Guangdong Province through filing of records.	Relaxing the qualification requirement	Facilitating related enterprises to start businesses and provide services in Guangdong Province.
	➤ To allow Hong Kong professional enterprises on the list of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region approved by the Development Bureau to provide construction cost related services in the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone after filing of records.	Relaxing the qualification requirement	Facilitating related enterprises to start businesses and provide services in Qianhai.
	➤ To allow Hong Kong engineering construction consultant enterprises which have completed filing of records to bid for consultancy services projects in joint venture in compliance with the laws in the nine Pearl River Delta municipalities in the GBA.	Relaxing the restriction on bidding	Creating more business opportunities to Hong Kong construction and related engineering consultants.

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Medical and dental services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To allow Hong Kong permanent residents, who have acquired a medicine degree or above from the University of Hong Kong, or the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and who have completed one-year uninterrupted internship under the supervision of a practising doctor in a Tier 3 (tertiary) hospital in the Mainland and passed an assessment, to sit the Mainland's qualification examination. A "medical practitioner's qualification certificate" of the Mainland will be issued to those who pass the examination. 	Relaxing the qualification requirement	Helping Hong Kong professionals to develop their business in the Mainland.
Real estate services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To provide facilitation for Hong Kong property management enterprises and professionals to develop business in the Mainland. 	Facilitation measure	Facilitating and encouraging Hong Kong property management enterprises and professionals to develop business in the Mainland.
Advertising services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To allow Hong Kong service suppliers to provide advertising services in the mode of cross-border supply. 	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Helping Hong Kong enterprises and professionals to develop their business in the Mainland.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To provide more preferential treatment to Hong Kong service suppliers to develop online media agency services in the Mainland. 	Facilitation measure	Helping Hong Kong enterprises and professionals to develop their business in the Mainland.

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Market research and public opinion polling services	➤ To remove the restriction on the provision of market investigation services to equity joint venture, whereas the Mainland party shall continue to be the controlling shareholder for broadcast and television rating surveys, and the shareholding of the Mainland party shall not be less than 67% and the legal representative shall be of Chinese nationality for social investigation.	Removing the restriction on equity shareholding	Allowing more flexibility in operations by Hong Kong service suppliers.
Testing and certification services	➤ To expand the geographical scope of factory inspection under the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) System that can be undertaken by certification bodies in Hong Kong in cooperation with Mainland CCC certification bodies from CCC product manufacturers in the whole Mainland to CCC product manufacturers in any place.	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Providing certification bodies in Hong Kong and Mainland with more room for cooperation, and facilitating certification bodies in Hong Kong to serve the Mainland consumer goods (including goods imported into Mainland from other places) market.

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Testing and certification services	➤ To expand the geographical scope of selection of post-certification test samples at factories manufacturing CCC products that can be undertaken by certification bodies in Hong Kong in cooperation with Mainland CCC certification bodies from CCC product manufacturers in the whole Mainland to CCC product manufacturers in any place.	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Providing certification bodies in Hong Kong and Mainland with more room for cooperation, and facilitating certification bodies in Hong Kong to serve the Mainland consumer goods (including goods imported into Mainland from other places) market.
Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry	➤ To relax the restriction on the shareholding proportion of Hong Kong service suppliers from not exceeding 49% to not exceeding 66% for the selection of new species and seed production of wheat; and to relax the restriction on the shareholding proportion of Hong Kong service suppliers from not exceeding 49% to not exceeding 66% for the selection of new species and seed production of corn in the Mainland Pilot Free Trade Zones and the Hainan Free Trade Port..	Relaxing the restriction on equity shareholding	Allowing more flexibility in operations by Hong Kong service suppliers.

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Services incidental to energy distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To remove the restriction that “the Mainland party shall be the controlling shareholder for engaging in the construction and operation of networks of water supply and drainage in the Mainland municipalities outside the Guangdong Province with population over 0.5 million and in municipalities in the Guangdong Province with population over 1 million”. 	Removing the restriction on equity shareholding	Wholly-owned businesses can have more flexibility in operations.
Related scientific and technical consulting services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To permit engaging in scientific and technical consulting services related to hydraulic engineering in the In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. ➤ To stipulate that mining right holders are not subject to restriction in survey and mapping, compilation of maps and geological surveying when carrying out work within the scope of their mining rights. 	<p>Removing the restriction on business scope</p> <p>Removing the restriction on business scope</p>	<p>Bringing new development opportunities for the industry.</p> <p>Bringing new development opportunities for the industry.</p>

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Audiovisual services (Television)	<p>➤ To remove the quantitative restriction on Hong Kong people participating as principal creative personnel in online television dramas.</p> <p><u>Imported dramas</u></p> <p>➤ To allow imported dramas produced in Hong Kong to be broadcast during prime time in television stations in the Mainland after obtaining approval from the National Radio and Television Administration.</p> <p><u>Other television programmes</u></p> <p>➤ To permit terrestrial and satellite television channels in Hong Kong to obtain the landing right to broadcast within specific areas such as hotels, guesthouses, etc. in the Mainland after obtaining approval from the National Radio and Television Administration.</p>	<p>Removing the quantitative restriction on participation in production by Hong Kong people</p> <p>Relaxing the restrictions on broadcasting</p> <p>Relaxing the restrictions on broadcasting</p>	<p>Increasing the flexibility in production of online television dramas, promoting cooperation between the television industries of the two places.</p> <p>Facilitating the entry of Hong Kong-produced television dramas to the Mainland market and promoting in-depth cultural integration between the two places.</p> <p>Providing terrestrial and satellite television channels with more development opportunities in the Mainland.</p>

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Insurance services	<p><u>Assets requirements</u></p> <p>➤ To remove the asset requirement of not less than USD2 billion as at the end of the most recent year for the Hong Kong financial institutions which invest in shares of insurance companies.</p>	Lowering entry requirements	Lowering the requirements for Hong Kong financial institutions entering the Mainland insurance market.
	<p><u>Mainland insurance companies participating in the Hong Kong market</u></p> <p>➤ To encourage qualified Mainland insurance companies to set up regional headquarters in Hong Kong.</p>	Policy support	Promoting Hong Kong's development as a global risk management centre.
Banking and securities services	<p>➤ To remove the restriction prohibiting foreign bank branches established by Hong Kong service suppliers from conducting bank cards services.</p>	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Expanding the Mainland services scope of Hong Kong banks.
	<p>➤ The authorities of both sides have confirmed the re-signing of the agreement to mutually recognise professional qualifications for banking professionals, and shall further promote and expand the work on mutual recognition of banking professional qualifications.</p>	Mutual recognition of qualifications	Helping the relevant professionals in Hong Kong to develop their career in the Mainland.
	<p>➤ To continuously promote and enhance the Mainland-Hong Kong Mutual Recognition of Funds scheme.</p>	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Promoting the development of the fund markets in both places.

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Banking and securities services	➤ To continuously promote the cross listing arrangement of the Mainland and Hong Kong ETF (i.e. open-ended index-tracking exchange-traded funds).	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Promoting the development of the securities markets in both places.
	➤ To consider extending the scope of eligible products under the mutual market access programme by including REITs (i.e. Real Estate Investment Trusts).	Policy support	Promoting the development of the securities markets in both places.
	➤ To continuously promote and enhance Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Pilot Scheme that supports Mainland residents in the GBA in purchasing wealth management products sold by Hong Kong banks and eligible Hong Kong licensed corporations, through Hong Kong banks and eligible Hong Kong licensed corporations, and Hong Kong residents in purchasing wealth management products sold by Mainland banks and Mainland securities companies, through Mainland banks and Mainland securities companies in the GBA.	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Promoting cross-boundary investment services, bringing more business opportunities to the industry in both Mainland and Hong Kong, as well as increasing the investment options for residents in both places.
	➤ To continuously enhance Southbound Trading and Northbound Trading under Bond Connect.	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Facilitating trading in bond markets of the two places and promoting the bond market development in Hong Kong.

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Tourism and travel related services	<p>➤ Optimising the implementation of the 144-hour visa-exemption policy for foreign group tours entering Guangdong from Hong Kong through increasing the number of inbound control points and expanding the area allowed to stay.</p>	Relaxing the restriction on business scope	Facilitating Hong Kong's tourism industry to develop more multi-destination travel products targeting foreign visitors, which can attract more overseas visitors to visit Hong Kong and the Mainland via Hong Kong. This can further support Hong Kong in developing into an international tourism hub and a core demonstration zone for multi-destination tourism, benefiting the tourism sectors of both places.

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Tourism and travel related services	<p><u>Cruise tourism</u></p> <p>➤ To support cruise companies to arrange international cruise itineraries involving port-of-call in the Mainland cruise ports in accordance with the laws. In respect of Mainland visitors participating in such cruise itineraries, they can travel to Hong Kong in transit to join all sorts of cruise itineraries, by presenting their passports and confirmation documents of the relevant cruise itineraries.</p>	Policy support	Facilitating the Mainland cruise passengers to participate in international cruise itineraries involving both Hong Kong and ports in the Mainland, thereby attracting cruise companies to develop more cruise itineraries of this kind.
Professional and technical personnel qualification examinations	<p>➤ To allow eligible Hong Kong residents to take the Mainland's qualification examinations for teachers. Those who pass the examination can apply for recognition of the corresponding qualification certificate.</p>	Relaxing the restriction on qualification examination	Helping Hong Kong professionals to enter the Mainland for development.