

**Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons
Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C)**

Exemption Arrangement

The expiry date of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C) (Regulation) has been extended to 31 March 2021. In accordance with section 4 of the Regulation, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau has sought the approval of the Chief Secretary for Administration for the Trade and Industry Department (TID) to launch two exemption schemes for Hong Kong enterprises with manufacturing operations in the Mainland. As for business activities and professional services of other sectors, the exemption arrangement will be formulated and handled by the relevant bureaux or departments. For details, please refer to the [list of exempted categories of persons](#) on the COVID-19 thematic website.

The details of the two exemption schemes launched by TID are as follows:

	Commencement	Category of Persons
(1)	18 March 2020	Personnel of companies engaged in manufacturing goods for supply to Hong Kong for its normal operation or for the daily needs of the people of Hong Kong: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. either the owner of a company with factory/factories in the Mainland which are engaged in manufacturing goods for supply to Hong Kong for its normal operation or for the daily needs of the people of Hong Kong, and up to one personnel employed and so authorized by the company; orb. up to two personnel employed and so authorized by such a company as described in (a)
(2)	4 May 2020	Personnel of Hong Kong enterprises with manufacturing operations in the Mainland: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. either the owner of an enterprise with a valid business registration certificate issued under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) and with manufacturing operations in the Mainland, and up to one personnel employed and so authorised by the enterprise; orb. up to two personnels employed and so authorised by such an enterprise as described in (a)

Administrative Arrangement

TID will process the applications, including consulting the Federation of Hong Kong Industries and/or the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong as well as the relevant Bureaux/Departments where necessary. TID will issue authorisation letters to the exempted persons, setting out the details and conditions of exemption.

Validity Period of Exemption

From the date of the exemption authorisation letter to the expiry of section 4 of the Regulation.

Information and Supporting Documents to be Submitted by Applicants

- (a) Completed application form setting out, for each applicant, the personal particulars, post title, contact information, name of Hong Kong enterprise and the justifications for travelling to the Mainland (Note: Applications are to be submitted by enterprises; the same enterprise can submit exemption applications for up to two applicants using the same application form);
- (b) Affiliated industry association(s);
- (c) Copy of Hong Kong Identification Card or Passport of each applicant;
- (d) Copy of Business Registration Certificate;
- (e) Information about the Mainland factory of manufacturing operations (e.g. address, size, number of staff, production capacity) and a copy of the Business Licence(s);
- (f) Each applicant must declare that he/she is travelling to the Mainland to support the operations and business of the Mainland factory of manufacturing operations;
- (g) Each applicant must declare that he/she will only travel to and stay in the city where the Mainland factory of manufacturing operations is located; and
- (h) Each applicant must take every precautionary measure to ensure personal hygiene and avoid unnecessary social contact whilst in the Mainland.

Conditions for Exemption

After returning to Hong Kong, each exempted person must be subject to medical surveillance arranged by the Department of Health (DH) during his/her stay in Hong Kong, and is required to wear masks and check body temperature daily, as well as report to the DH on any discomfort. With effect from 23 November 2020, each exempted person must present the proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result meeting DH's requirement upon arrival in Hong Kong from the Mainland via land boundary control points, the sample for which was taken from the same exempted person on the day of arrival or within the three days before the day of arrival.

Submission of Applications

Applications should be submitted to TID through the online submission platform – www.tid.gov.hk/exemption_submission_en.

TID no longer accepts new applications submitted by email or by other means.

Trade and Industry Department

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