

Points to note for exempted persons arriving at Hong Kong from the Mainland via Hong Kong International Airport or land boundary control points

If you are a person exempted from the compulsory quarantine requirement under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C) (“exempted person”), and a holder of the authorisation letter issued by the Trade and Industry Department, please adhere to the exemption conditions as set out in the authorisation letter that, amongst others, you will only travel to and stay in the city where the Mainland factory of manufacturing operations is located. As the Government has further tightened the testing and other arrangements for exempted persons arriving at Hong Kong from the Mainland, you may wish to note and observe the following points when you plan your itinerary:

Arriving at Hong Kong via Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”)

1. Please ascertain the testing and other arrangements for entry into Hong Kong as posted on the COVID-19 thematic website (<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/exempted-persons-faq.html>).
2. If permissible, you must take a direct flight to Hong Kong from the city where the factory is located.
3. If there is no direct flight connection between Hong Kong and the city where the factory is located, you may take a flight at an airport of another city. You may travel to and **stay temporarily** in that city for not more than 24 hours and only for the purpose of transit. **Non-compliance will be considered as a breach of the exemption condition i.e. “you will only travel to and stay in the city where the Mainland factory of manufacturing operations is located” and you will not be granted exemption from compulsory quarantine.**
4. You should not leave the city where the factory is located before your flight(s) to Hong Kong are confirmed.
5. Regarding the testing arrangement -
 - (a) If you possess a negative result of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test done at an ISO15189-accredited laboratory or a laboratory recognised by the Government where the laboratory is located with the specimen collected within 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong, you are required to take a post-arrival SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test at the Department of Health (“DH”)’s Temporary Specimen Collection Centre (“TSCC”) before leaving HKIA; or
 - (b) If you do not possess a negative result of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test done at an ISO15189-accredited laboratory or a laboratory recognised by the Government where the laboratory is located with the specimen collected within 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong, you must take a post-arrival SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test at the DH’s TSCC and wait for the result there or any other location as designated by DH upon arrival at HKIA.

If you take a test at a laboratory in a city other than the city where the factory is located, it will be considered as a breach of the exemption conditions and you will not be granted exemption from compulsory quarantine.

6. The health authorities may enquire about the details of your itinerary and transport arrangement before arriving at Hong Kong, and request for relevant documentary proof. If the health authorities have reasonable doubts as to whether there is a breach of the exemption conditions, the health authorities reserve the right to revoke your exemption authorisation and order you to receive compulsory quarantine for 14 days.

Arriving at Hong Kong via land boundary control points

1. Please ascertain the testing and other arrangements for entry into Hong Kong as posted on the COVID-19 thematic website (<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/exempted-persons-faq.html>).
2. If the location of the factory is in Guangdong Province, you must undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test at a medical or testing institution in the city where the factory is located. The medical or testing institution must be mutually recognised by the governments of Hong Kong and Guangdong. The sample must be taken within three days prior to, or on the day of your entry into Hong Kong. The test result must be negative. The list of medical or testing institutions mutually recognised by the Governments of Hong Kong and Guangdong is available at https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_GD.pdf.
3. If the location of the factory is outside Guangdong Province, you may temporarily stay in Guangdong Province to take a COVID-19 nucleic acid test in one of the medical or testing institutions mutually recognised by the governments of Hong Kong and Guangdong. After getting the test result, you must depart for Hong Kong as soon as practicable. **If you stay in Guangdong Province for any other reasons, it will be considered as a breach of the exemption conditions and you will not be granted exemption from compulsory quarantine.**
4. To expedite the clearance process, you are strongly advised to transmit the valid negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result to the electronic health declaration system of the Department of Health through "Yuekang code", and fill in all other required information for completing the health declaration within 24 hours before leaving Guangdong Province to shorten the time required for entry. You must produce the negative test result (in an electronic form or physical form) for verification.
5. The health authorities may enquire about the details of your itinerary and transport arrangement before arriving at Hong Kong, and request for relevant documentary proof. If the health authorities have reasonable doubts as to whether there is a breach of the exemption conditions, the health authorities reserve the right to revoke your exemption authorisation and order you to receive compulsory quarantine for 14 days.