

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

Exemption Arrangements – Agricultural and Fisheries Trade in Hong Kong

Application Guidelines

In accordance with section 4(1)(a)(i) and section 4(1)(b) of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C), the Chief Secretary for Administration has exempted the following categories of persons from the compulsory quarantine arrangement -

- (a) Up to two personnel who are either the owner and /or the employees of a vegetable farm, or hydroponic farm, or flower farm, or plant nursery, or livestock farm, or fish farm which is engaged in the production of agricultural and fisheries products for supply to Hong Kong, and that such persons have to travel -
 - (i) to the Mainland or Taiwan for overseeing the operation of the farm; or
 - (ii) to the Mainland or Taiwan for procuring necessary inputs for agricultural and fisheries production; or

- (b) Up to two personnel who are either the owner and /or the employees of a fishing vessel / fish collector vessel which is engaged in operation in the Mainland waters for supply of fisheries products to Hong Kong and such persons have to travel to the Mainland for –
 - (i) handling matters related to the vessel or its operation such as inspection/maintenance of the vessel, application for a licence / permit for the vessel or any matters related to its operation; or
 - (ii) procuring equipment onboard for meeting operational needs; or

- (c) Up to two personnel of each local agricultural and fisheries trade association who have to attend meetings convened by government bodies of the Mainland to support industry exchanges or development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area.

Validity Period of Exemption

From 16 June 2020 until section 4(1)(a)(i) and section 4(1)(b) of Cap. 599C expire.

Administrative Arrangement

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will process the applications and, where necessary, consult the relevant agricultural and fisheries trade associations as well as the relevant bureaux and departments. Where exemption is granted, AFCD will issue to the applicant an authorization letter, setting out the details and conditions of exemption.

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 the farm(s) in the Mainland / Taiwan (if applicable), name of the relevant Hong Kong farm / enterprise / agricultural and fisheries trade association (if applicable) and the justifications for travelling to the Mainland / Taiwan (if applicable) (Note : Applications are to be submitted by farms/ fishing vessels / fish collector vessels / enterprises / agricultural and fisheries trade associations; the same farm / fishing vessel / fish collector vessel / enterprise / agricultural and fisheries trade association should submit exemption applications for up to two applicants using the same application form);
- (b) Affiliated agricultural and fisheries trade association(s) (if applicable);
- (c) Copy of Hong Kong Identification Card or Passport of each applicant;
- (d) Copy of Business Registration Certificate / Certificate of Ownership and Operating Licence of fishing vessel / fish collector vessel (if applicable);
- (e) Information about the farm (e.g. address, production capacity) / fishing vessel / fish collector vessel (e.g. vessel number) in the Mainland / Taiwan (if applicable) and a copy of business licence(s) and/or business certificate(s) / fishing permit / fisheries ancillary vessel permit;
- (f) Copy of invitation letter from the government bodies of the Mainland for attending meeting relating to industry exchanges or development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (if applicable);
- (g) Each applicant must declare that he/she is travelling to the Mainland / Taiwan (if applicable) for overseeing the operation of the farm(s); or for procuring necessary inputs and equipment for agricultural and fisheries production; or for handling matters related to the vessel or its operation such as inspection/maintenance of the vessel, application for a licence / permit for the vessel or any matters related to its operation; or for attending meeting to support industry exchanges or development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area;
- (h) Each applicant must declare that he/ she will only travel to and stay in the city in

the Mainland / Taiwan (if applicable) where the production farms or the suppliers of necessary inputs and equipment for production are located, or where the matters related to the vessel or its operation are handled, or where the meeting to support industry exchanges or development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area is held; and each applicant must take every precautionary measure to ensure personal hygiene and avoid unnecessary social contact whilst in the Mainland / Taiwan (if applicable);

- (i) Other supporting information and documents (if required).

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.