

Assisting cross-boundary vehicles stranded in Mainland or Macao to return to Hong Kong for vehicle examination

The Transport Department (TD) announced today (December 13) that measures will be implemented from today to facilitate cross-boundary vehicles with expired Hong Kong vehicle licences to return to Hong Kong from the Mainland or Macao for vehicle examinations in order to renew their Hong Kong vehicle licences.

Due to the quarantine arrangement arising from the pandemic situation, some cross-boundary vehicles, the Hong Kong vehicle licences of which have expired, have remained in the Mainland or Macao after crossing the boundary. The TD noted that some vehicle owners would arrange for their vehicles to be towed back to Hong Kong by a cross-boundary towing service to undergo vehicle examinations at designated car testing centres in Hong Kong and then proceed to renew the vehicle licences.

To assist cross-boundary vehicles which are still stranded in the Mainland or Macao to return to Hong Kong to complete the vehicle examination and licence renewal procedures, the TD will launch the facilitation measures from today. This is a temporary measure which accepts applications temporarily from today to June 16, 2022. Eligible cross-boundary vehicles may be driven back to Hong Kong on a specified date via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) port along a designated route to a designated car park/location in HZMB Hong Kong Port for parking. The vehicle may then be transferred via a self-arranged towing service to a local designated car testing centre for a vehicle examination prior to their arrangement for vehicle licence renewal.

Under the facilitation measures, eligible vehicle owners may apply to the TD two weeks in advance of the planned date of return. An approval letter will be issued to successful applicants. The approved vehicle should be driven by a designated driver to Hong Kong who has successfully made an appointment under the Return2hk/Come2hk Scheme via the HZMB port on the date specified in the approval letter. There is a daily limit set for the number of vehicles to return to Hong Kong. The TD urged the applicants to submit their applications as early as possible.

The TD will publish in the gazette a notice to exempt the cross-boundary vehicles approved to return to Hong Kong on a specified date from the regulations on vehicle registration and licensing.

Eligible vehicle owners may submit their application to the TD in person or by agent through drop-in box, by email or by post during the period from today to June 16, 2022. For application procedures and details, please visit

the TD's website (www.td.gov.hk) or call 2804 2600.