

Starting June 1 electronic customs information required to send mail items to US

Hongkong Post announced today (May 10) that as from June 1, as requested by the Government of the United States (US), all mail items except small and large letters to be sent to US must have electronic customs information submitted in English at the time of posting. Mail items which do not have electronic customs information submitted cannot be sent to the US.

Customers need to provide the English electronic customs data through Hongkong Post's online platform/mobile app Easy PreCustoms (easy-precustoms.hongkongpost.hk/epc/?), or other online platforms EC-Ship, My Speedpost, or relevant facilities in post offices. Senders of items without electronic customs information will be requested to supplement the required information or the items will be returned to them. Mail senders need to write return address on the mail items. If there is no return address or the sender cannot be contacted, the item will be destroyed. Postage will not be refunded where return or disposal is caused by these circumstances.

The mails items for which electronic customs data are required cover all mail items except small and large letters, i.e. all Speedpost, air and surface parcels, registered and ordinary packets, e-Express and iMail items. The required customs information includes the sender's information, addressee's information and particulars of contents, which are the same as currently provided in the paper declaration forms.

Hongkong Post encourages the public to use Hongkong Post's Easy PreCustoms online platform as a one-stop service to input data and print out the posting form bearing a barcode, so as to avoid the need to obtain barcode labels from post offices before posting.

For registered and ordinary packets, if the public has not used Easy PreCustoms to provide data and a print posting form bearing a barcode, senders still need to fill in printed customs declaration form and affix a mail barcode label (available in any post office) onto the mail item and then enter the customs information together with the barcode number via the online platforms before posting.

Special traffic arrangements for Tam

Kung Festival

Police will implement special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island this Sunday (May 12) to facilitate members of the public to celebrate the Tam Kung Festival.

Shau Kei Wan

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented from 6.30am to 6.30pm:

A. Road closure

- Shau Kei Wan Main Street East between Factory Street and Tung Hei Road, except for trams;
- Tam Kung Temple Road;
- A Kung Ngam Village Road between Tung Hei Road and A Kung Ngam Road;
- Westbound Tung Hei Road between its eastern junction with A Kung Ngam Village Road and Mong Lung Street;
- Eastbound Tung Hei Road between its eastern junction with A Kung Ngam Village Road and Oi Lai Street;
- Eastbound Oi Lai Street between Oi Yin Street and Tung Hei Road;
- Wang Wa Street;
- Factory Street between Shau Kei Wan Main Street East and Wang Wa Street;
- Eastbound Factory Street between Mong Lung Street and Shau Kei Wan Main Street East; and
- Kam Wa Street between Mong Lung Street and Wang Wa Street.

B. Traffic diversions

- Traffic along eastbound Tung Hei Road heading for A Kung Ngam or Chai Wan will be diverted via Mong Lung Street, Factory Street, Aldrich Street and Chai Wan Road; and
- Traffic along westbound Island Eastern Corridor heading for A Kung Ngam will be diverted via Nam On Lane, Shau Kei Wan Road, Chai Wan Road and A Kung Ngam Road.

C. Suspension of parking spaces

The following parking spaces will be suspended from 10pm on May 11 to 6.30pm the following day:

- Metered parking spaces on Wang Wa Street;
- Metered parking spaces on Kam Wa Street between Mong Lung Street and Wang Wa Street; and
- Motorcycle parking spaces and disabled parking spaces on Kam Wa Street.

Tai Hang

The following roads will be intermittently closed from 8.30am until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

- Wun Sha Street;
- School Street;
- Lai Yin Street;
- Second Lane;
- Warren Street;
- Sun Chun Street; and
- Ormsby Street.

Vehicles may not be permitted to leave car parks along the closed roads during the road closure period.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

Meetings of Legislative Council and its Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) and its Committees will hold 13 open meetings, a public hearing and a closed meeting during the week from May 13 to 18 in the LegCo Complex. Details of the meetings are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to observe open meetings of LegCo and its Committees. Interested individuals and groups are advised to make advance booking of seats by calling the LegCo Secretariat at 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also listen to or watch all open meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

Fatal traffic accident in Cheung Chau Division

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Cheung Chau Division in the small hours of today (May 10) in which a 61-year-old man died.

At about 3am, a bicycle ridden by the 61-year-old man was travelling along Lamma Island Family Walk southbound. When approaching near Tai Wan San Tsuen, the bicycle reportedly lost control and rammed into a kerb. The man then fell onto the ground.

Sustaining injury to his head, the man was rushed to North Lamma General Out-Patient Clinic in unconscious state. He was later transferred to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital and was certified dead at 4.36am.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers at 3660 6800.

STH visits Sha Tin District (with photos)

The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, visited Sha Tin District this afternoon (May 10) to get an update on developments in the district.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Sha Tin), Miss Amy Chan, Mr Chan first met with the Chairman of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC), Mr Ho Hau-cheung, and members of the STDC to exchange views on housing and transport issues in the district.

Mr Chan then proceeded to the construction site of Chun Yeung Estate in Fo Tan to learn about the works progress and inspect the facilities of the estate.

