

Employees' Compensation (Amendment) Bill 2021 gazetted today

The Government published the Employees' Compensation (Amendment) Bill 2021 in the Gazette today (February 19).

The Bill seeks to extend the coverage of the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282) to the situation where an employee sustains an injury or dies as a result of an accident when commuting to or from work during the period of "extreme conditions" arising from a super typhoon or other natural disaster of a substantial scale.

A spokesman for the Labour Department said, "As proposed by the Bill, the relevant employee who sustains an injury or dies as a result of an accident when commuting to or from work during the period of 'extreme conditions' will be afforded the same employees' compensation protection on par with that under Typhoon Warning Signal No. 8 or above or when the Red or Black Rainstorm Warning is in force."

â€‹The Bill will be introduced into the Legislative Council on February 24.