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NEW VEHICLE EMISSION STANDARDS EFFECTIVE

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (VEHICLE DESIGN STANDARDS) (EMISSION) REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE, AS FROM YESTERDAY (JANUARY 1).

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRST REGISTRATION, PRIVATE CAR, TAXI, LIGHT BUS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE OF 2.5 TONNES DESIGN WEIGHT AND BELOW TO COMPLY WITH EMISSION STANDARDS OF SIMILAR STRINGENCY TO THOSE IN THE USA AND JAPAN.

HE SAID BOTH NEW PETROL AND DIESEL VEHICLES ARE COVERED BY THESE REGULATIONS.

"STARTING FROM 1992, ANY PERSON WHO WANTS TO NEWLY REGISTER A VEHICLE IN HONG KONG WILL NEED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE VEHICLE FULLY COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE REGULATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE EVIDENCE USUALLY INVOLVES CERTIFICATION BY AN APPROVED LABORATORY THAT THE SPECIFIC VEHICLE MODEL AND TYPE CONCERNED IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS," HE ADDED.

HE SAID INDIVIDUALS WHO BRING IN VEHICLES FROM OVERSEAS ON THEIR OWN SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT SUCH EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THEY ENTER INTO ANY COMMITMENTS.

"FOR ENQUIRIES, THEY SHOULD CALL THE EPD ON TEL. (852) 835 1092," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT FOR THE NEW PETROL VEHICLES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MOTORISTS DO NOT USE LEADED PETROL, NOR EMPLOY ANY UNAPPROVED FUEL ADDITIVIES, AND THEY MUST STRICTLY FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION IN MAINTAINING AND SERVICING THEIR VEHICLES.

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SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN OLYMPIC AVENUE

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THE DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED A \$12.6 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUMBER OF DIVISION SEWERS IN OLYMPIC AVENUE TO IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE NETWORK IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL INVOLVE THE RE-ROUTEING OF AN EXISTING SEWER OUTSIDE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SPECIAL MANHOLES AND DIVISION SEWERS AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ACROSS PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND ALONG OLYMPIC AVENUE.

IN ORDER TO MINIMISE TRAFFIC DISRUPTION DURING SEWER CONSTRUCTION, THE CONTRACT HAS ALSO SPECIFIED THE USE OF TRENCHLESS METHOD, AN ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE FOR PIPE-LAYING IN BUSY STREETS.

WORKS WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW TSING YI TOWN CLINIC STARTS OPERATION

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THE NEW TSING YI TOWN CLINIC, LOCATED AT TSING LUK STREET, TSING YI ISLAND, WILL BEGIN OPERATION FROM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE CLINIC WILL PROVIDE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT CLINIC SERVICE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE CLINIC WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 5 PM DURING WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING TSING YI TRAVELLING DISPENSARY TO THE TUNG YI SHIPPING COMPANY ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM JANUARY 16 ONWARDS.

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IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATIONS AND HONG KONG HARMONISED SYSTEM 1992 EDITION

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IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATIONS LODGED BY IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE PRIMARILY USED FOR COMPILING TRADE STATISTICS WHICH ARE WIDELY USED AS AN IMPORTANT INDICATOR OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) TRADERS' CO-OPERATION IN THE PROMPT LODGEMENT OF ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DECLARATIONS IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE COMPILATION OF TRADE STATISTICS.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, EVERY PERSON WHO IMPORTS OR EXPORTS ANY ARTICLE OTHER THAN AN EXEMPTED ARTICLE IS REQUIRED TO LODGE WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE IMPORT/EXPORT DECLARATION WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE IMPORTATION/EXPORTATION OF THE ARTICLE.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO LODGE THE REQUIRED DECLARATION, OR KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY LODGES ANY DECLARATION THAT IS INACCURATE IN ANY MATERIAL PARTICULAR IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

AFTER COLLECTION BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, DECLARATIONS ARE PROCESSED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TO PRODUCE TRADE STATISTICS.

AMONG THE INFORMATION REQUIRED ON A DECLARATION ARE THE DESCRIPTIONS AND CODE NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED OR EXPORTED.

THE COMMODITY CODE NUMBERS REQUIRED TO BE FILLED IN THE DECLARATION MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HONG KONG HARMONISED SYSTEM (HK HS), 1992 EDITION, WHICH HAS COME INTO EFFECT AS FROM YESTERDAY (JANUARY 1).

THIS NEW EDITION OF HK HS IS SPECIFIED IN THE PUBLICATION "HONG KONG IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CLASSIFICATION LIST (HARMONISED SYSTEM), 1992 EDITION" OR "HKIECL(HS), 1992 EDITION" FOR SHORT. A CHINESE VERSION OF THIS PUBLICATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AT THE TIME OF LODGING DECLARATIONS, IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY AD VALOREM CHARGES AND, IN THE CASE OF EXPORTS OF LOCALLY MADE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ITEMS, EXPORT TRAINING LEVY.

EXCEPT FOR IMPORTS OF FOOD ITEMS, THE RATE OF AD VALOREM CHARGES IS \$5 IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST \$10,000 OF THE VALUE OF THE GOODS AND \$0.5 IN RESPECT OF EACH ADDITIONAL \$1,000.

IMPORTS OF FOOD ITEMS WHICH ARE SPECIFIED IN APPENDIX I OF THE "HKIECL(HS), 1992 EDITION" ARE SUBJECT TO A FLAT CHARGE OF HK\$5 PER SHIPMENT ON LODGEMENT OF THE IMPORT DECLARATION.

EXPORTS OF LOCALLY MADE CLOTHING (INCLUDING FOOTWEAR) ITEMS, WHICH ARE SPECIFIED IN APPENDIX II OF THE "HKIECL(HS), 1992 EDITION", ARE SUBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL CLOTHING TRAINING LEVY OF \$0.3 IN RESPECT OF EACH \$1,000 VALUE OR PART THEREOF.

BESIDES THE NEW COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION LIST, REVISED DECLARATION FORMS HAVE ALSO TAKEN EFFECT AS FROM JANUARY 1.

BEING VERY SIMILAR TO THE OLD DECLARATION FORMS BASICALLY, THE REVISED FORMS REQUIRE A FEW PIECES OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS THE MODE OF TRANSPORT.

MOREOVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID CHINESE DECLARATION FORMS ARE INTRODUCED IN ADDITION TO THE ENGLISH ONES. IMPORTERS/EXPORTERS ARE FREE TO CHOOSE EITHER THE ENGLISH OR CHINESE FORMS FOR DECLARATION.

THE REVISED DECLARATION FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS ON THE NEW COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION LIST ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION OFFICES.

ALL IMPORT AND EXPORT SHIPMENTS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1 MUST BE DECLARED ACCORDING TO THE NEW EDITION OF HK HS USING REVISED DECLARATION FORMS.

AS FOR ARTICLES IMPORTED OR EXPORTED BEFORE JANUARY 1 AND WHICH ARE DECLARED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 14, THE OLD COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND OLD DECLARATION FORMS SHOULD BE USED.

HOWEVER, IF THEY ARE DECLARED AFTER JANUARY 14, THE NEW EDITION OF HK HS AND NEW DECLARATION FORMS MUST BE USED.

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KWUN TONG FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL
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THE ANNUAL KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUI PING ROAD RECREATION GROUND FROM 1.30 PM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 5).

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

IT IS AIMED TO PUT ACROSS THE FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE POLICE DOGS UNIT AND THE "ROBOCOP", AN EXHIBITION ON DANGEROUS DRUGS, GAMES STALLS, BAND PERFORMANCE AND A VARIETY SHOW.

MEANWHILE, 15 PERSONS WHO HAVE ASSISTED THE POLICE IN COMBATING CRIME WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE "KWUN TONG GOOD CITIZEN AWARD" AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE VENUE.

THREE WATCHMEN IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED WITH THE "BEST WATCHMAN AWARD".

OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG SING-KUEN; ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MRS WENDY KWOK; AND THE KWUN TONG FIGHT CRIME STAR, MR DANNY LEE.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 5) AT THE TSUI PING ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	31.12.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	2.1.92	-923
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		+923
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		NEUTRAL

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 109.1 *-0.1* 2.1.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.70 PCT	23 MONTHS	2311	6.25	102.16	5.09
1 MONTH	3.72 PCT					
3 MONTHS	3.68 PCT					
6 MONTHS	3.71 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.22 PCT					
TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 6,966 MN						
CLOSED 2 JANUARY 1992						

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