

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Airport Authority Ordinance (Cap. 483)

Airport Authority Ordinance (Map of Airport Area) (Amendment) Order 2024

INTRODUCTION

The existing Airport Authority Ordinance (Map of Airport Area) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) needs to be amended in order to reflect the changes of the boundaries of the Airport Area (“AA”) and the map details to cater for the latest developments in the facilities of the Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”) and the operation of the Three-Runway System (“3RS”).

BACKGROUND

2. Section 37 of the Airport Authority Ordinance (Cap. 483) (“AAO”) provides that the Director-General of Civil Aviation (“DGCA”), after consultation with the Airport Authority Hong Kong (“AAHK”), may by an order published in the Gazette describe and delineate the AA by reference to a map.

3. The Map of AA was first published in January 1998. It was last updated by way of the AAO (Map of AA) (Amendment) Order 2021 (L.N. 166 of 2021). To cater for the latest developments in the facilities of HKIA and the operation of the 3RS, there is a need to update the boundaries of the AA and the map details to reflect the changes. The updated Map of AA would be made available for public inspection at the office of AAHK at the HKIA Tower.

THE AMENDMENT ORDER

4. The AAO (Map of AA) (Amendment) Order 2024 (“Amendment Order”) amends the AAO (Map of AA) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) by repealing and substituting the current set of maps being referred to. The following summarises the changes made:

Expansion of HKIA into 3RS

5. In order to strengthen Hong Kong’s position as a leading international and regional aviation hub, AAHK has been taking forward the 3RS project. The project includes reclamation of some 650 hectares of land for providing the Third Runway and a host of new airport facilities to cater for the growing air traffic demand. The Third Runway commenced operation in 2022 as the new North Runway, together with its supporting taxiway systems and associated airport support infrastructure. The then North Runway was closed forthwith for reconfiguration into the new Centre Runway. To cater for the commencement of operation of the Third Runway in 2022, the Map of AA was amended as mentioned in paragraph 3 above to cover the relevant parts of the reclaimed land under the 3RS project.

6. The 3RS is targeted for completion in 2024. Prior to the commissioning of the 3RS, it is necessary to integrate the remaining parts of the reclaimed land under the 3RS project with the existing AA and reflect the revised AA boundary in the Map of AA so as to ensure the safe and effective operation of HKIA as a whole. Such amendment as reflected in the map numbered AA 001 (Revision D) as referred to in section 2(1) of the AAO (Map of AA) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) is proposed to take effect from 31 July 2024 so as to allow sufficient time for AAHK to arrange the necessary testing of equipment/facilities, staff training, on-site familiarisation and operational drills with the airport stakeholders, including relevant Government departments, under a controlled environment in preparation for the operation of the 3RS.

7. Apart from the above, amendment is proposed to exclude parts of the demolished linked bridges for the approach lighting system at both ends of the Centre Runway from the existing AA as reflected in the map numbered AA 001 (Revision D) as referred to in section 2(1) of the AAO (Map of AA) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F) to reflect the latest situation.

Latest Developments at HKIA

8. To reflect the latest developments in light of the operational needs of HKIA, it is necessary to update the map details of AA to reflect the extended East Hall in the passenger terminal building of HKIA and the renaming of the “Intermodal Transfer Terminal” and “Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities” to “SkyPier Terminal” and “Hong Kong Port” respectively, as reflected in the maps numbered AA 001 (Revision D) and AA 002 (Revision B) as referred to in section 2(1) of the AAO (Map of AA) Order (Cap. 483 sub. leg. F).

TIMETABLE

9. The legislative timetable will be –

Publication in the Gazette	3 May 2024
Tabling at the Legislative Council	8 May 2024
Date of commencement	31 July 2024

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

10. The Amendment Order is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights, and has no economic, financial, civil service, productivity, environmental, sustainability, family and gender implications. The proposed amendments will not affect the current binding effect of the AAO.

CONSULTATION

11. The changes of the boundaries of the AA and the map details are operational and technical in nature. AAHK has consulted relevant stakeholders and will continue to engage stakeholders.

PUBLICITY

12. AAHK will issue a press release when the Amendment Order comes into effect.

ENQUIRIES

13. For enquiries on the brief, please contact Miss Eunice CHAN, Principal Assistant Secretary (Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office) of the Transport and Logistics Bureau, at 3153 2913, Miss TAI Pik-ying, Assistant Secretary (Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office)A at 3543 0420, or Miss LAM Sau-wing, Joey, Assistant Secretary (Transport and Logistics)8C at 3509 7130.

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