

To whom it may concern:

## **Exemption under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C)**

In accordance with section 4(1)(b) of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C), the Chief Secretary for Administration has designated the following category of persons for exemption from the compulsory quarantine arrangement:

*Certified public accountants (practising), partners, directors or employees of practice units registered with the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) under the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50), who are required to travel to the Mainland to conduct audit work for companies listed on a recognised stock market (as defined by section 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571)) and having Mainland operations, to assist those companies to fulfil their obligations under relevant Ordinances or other regulatory instruments that govern the operation of the companies or their business.*

2. On 5 February 2021, the Government announced that the testing and isolation arrangement for exempted persons under Cap. 599C **arriving at the Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”)** would be tightened with effect from 20 February 2021. The following tightened conditions will be applied to exempted persons who have not stayed in any places outside China during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong:

- (1) The exempted person must take a post-arrival SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test at Department of Health (“DH”)’s Temporary Specimen Collection Centre and wait for the results there or any other location as designated by DH (**“test and hold”**) **upon arrival at HKIA<sup>1</sup>**;

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<sup>1</sup> Before the commencement of the tightened conditions on 20 February 2021, an exempted person, who possesses a negative test result of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test done at an ISO15189-accredited laboratory or a laboratory recognised by the Government where the laboratory is located with the specimen collected within 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong, may take a post-arrival SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test at the DH’s Temporary Specimen Collection Centre or any other location as designated by DH upon arrival at HKIA and is not required to wait for the results there (“test and go”). This arrangement will be cancelled with effect from 20 February 2021.

- (2) The exempted person must be subject to SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid testing on the 12th day following his/her arrival in Hong Kong during the medical surveillance period. He/she must report to his/her practice unit after submitting the specimen;
- (3) **Point-to-point transportation** must be arranged between the HKIA and the exempted person's accommodation; and between his/her accommodation and the venue of his/her audit work in Hong Kong for 14 days. Use of public transport including MTR, airport shuttle train and taxi for transfer is prohibited. The exempted person must only use the **designated channel** for exempted persons other than air crew within the HKIA to arrive at the designated pick-up points (see Map at [Annex](#)). The exempted person should wear masks during the entire transportation journey; and
- (4) During the 14-day medical surveillance period, the scope of activity of the exempted person in Hong Kong is only limited to his/her audit work. The exempted person must take every precautionary measure to ensure personal hygiene and avoid unnecessary social contact whilst in Hong Kong.

3. The above tightened conditions are also applicable to authorisations issued previously to exempted persons.

4. For the avoidance of doubt, those exempted persons entering from land boundary control points are not affected by the above tightened conditions. Please refer to our previous notification dated 18 November 2020 for the latest testing and isolation arrangement applicable to exempted persons entering from land boundary control points.

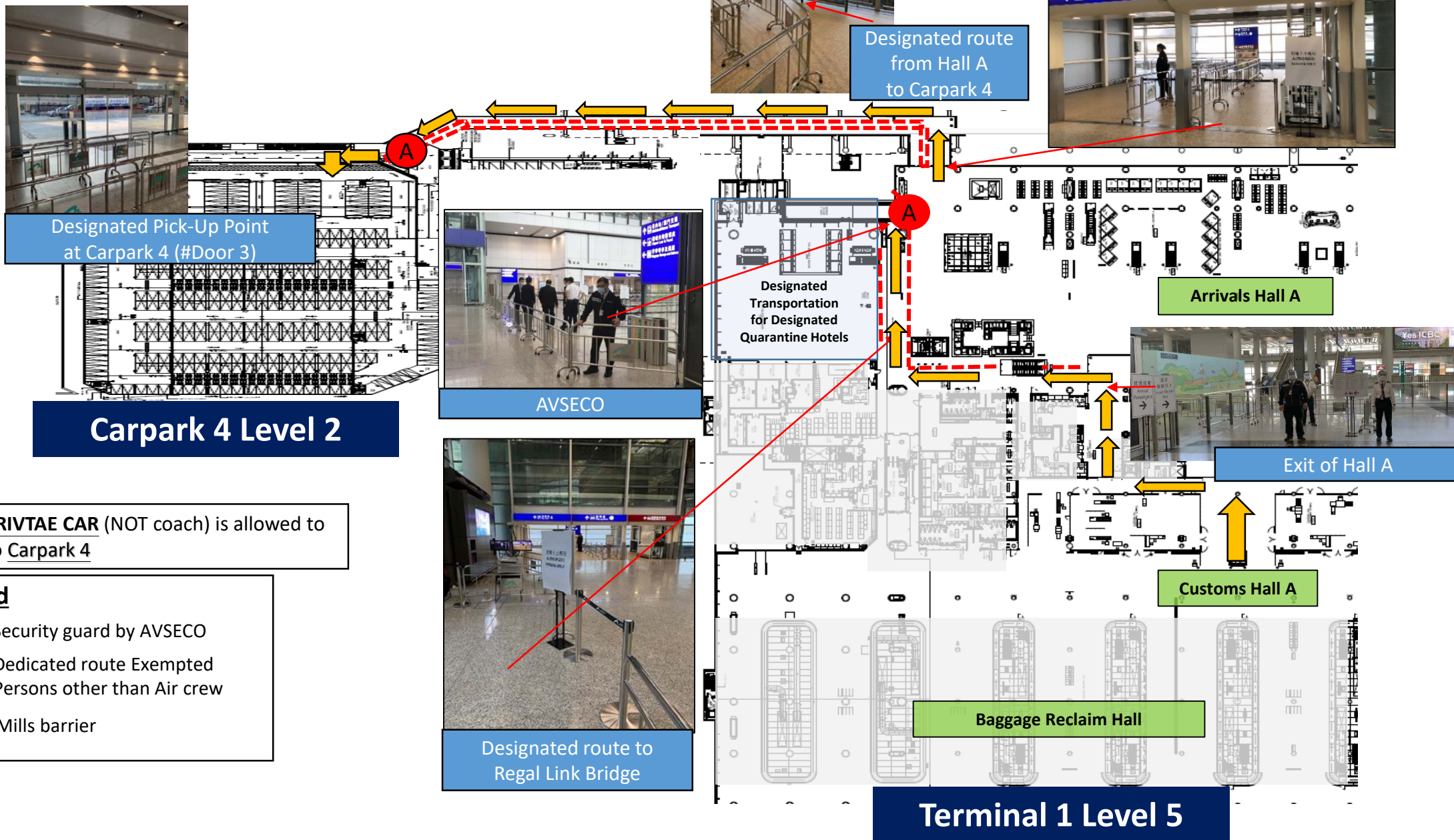
5. Practice units are responsible for putting in place necessary measures to facilitate and ensure compliance of the exemption conditions by their staff. For example, any non-compliance with the condition set out in paragraph 2(2) above should be immediately reported to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau at [qexemption@fstb.gov.hk](mailto:qexemption@fstb.gov.hk) by the practice units. Contraventions with the exemption conditions will result in removal of the exemption status upon identification and may attract further enforcement actions by DH or the Food and Health Bureau as appropriate.

6. Should you have any enquiry, please contact Miss Gillian Chan (2528 9156 or [qexemption@fstb.gov.hk](mailto:qexemption@fstb.gov.hk)) of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau or Ms. Elaine Chung (2287 7320 or [599Cexemption@hkiipa.org.hk](mailto:599Cexemption@hkiipa.org.hk)) of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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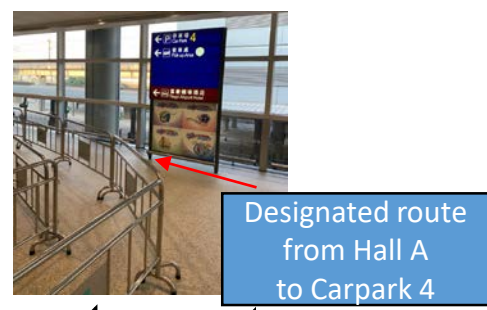
# Designated Route for Exempted Persons other than Air crew (From Customs Hall A to Carpark 4 - designated pick-up point)



# Only **PRIVATE CAR** (NOT coach) is allowed to access to Carpark 4

**Legend**

- A Security guard by AVSECO
- ➔ Dedicated route Exempted Persons other than Air crew
- - - Mills barrier



Designated Pick-Up Point at Carpark 4 (#Door 3)

**Carpark 4 Level 2**



Designated Transportation for Designated Quarantine Hotels

Arrivals Hall A



Customs Hall A

Baggage Reclaim Hall

**Terminal 1 Level 5**