

**For discussion  
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**Legislative Council Panel on  
Administration of Justice and Legal Services**

**Law Reform Commission Secretariat –  
Progress on Systematic Review of Statutory Laws of Hong Kong**

This is the fifth report by the Law Reform Commission Secretariat (“**LRC Secretariat**”) to the Legislative Council (“**LegCo**”) Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (“**AJLS Panel**”) to apprise Members of the progress on the systematic review of statutory laws of Hong Kong. It focuses mainly on the adaptation of laws, a major component of the review exercise, to which priority will continue to be given.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The LRC Secretariat carries on undertaking the exercise to conduct a systematic review of statutory laws of Hong Kong regularly which consists of work mainly in (a) adaptation of laws, (b) consolidation of laws and (c) repeal of obsolete laws. It is with a view to keeping the laws of Hong Kong up-to-date and commensurate with this metropolis’ status as a modern society governed by the rule of law under the constitutional framework of “one country, two systems” that the LRC Secretariat has embarked upon the task to undertake this review exercise.

3. From inception of the systematic review, priority has been accorded to the adaptation of laws component because it is long overdue. In discharging its role, the LRC Secretariat, when committed to this

complex and arduous task<sup>1</sup>, does so by (a) managing the entire review exercise, including reviewing whether the proposed adaptation may be unsafe or in conflict with another responsible bureau's amendment proposals; (b) monitoring the progress of the relevant adaptation work in order to facilitate the responsible bureau's early issuance of drafting instructions in order to commence the legislative amendment process as soon as possible; and (c) reporting on progress to the AJLS Panel at suitable intervals.

4. It must, however, continue to be emphasised, as in the LRC Secretariat's previous reports to the AJLS Panel<sup>2</sup>, that it is incumbent upon each responsible bureau which has policy responsibility to take carriage of the introduction of legislative amendment proposals to the LegCo with the goal of completing the required legislative procedures without unnecessary delay. The same applies to even those provisions the adaptation of which will be taken on and proceeded with by way of what is more affectionately referred to as an "omnibus bill" promoted by the Secretary for Justice on behalf of the Government (see further discussions below).

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<sup>1</sup> To complete this task, it is crucial to (a) identify such provisions or references in our statute books that were in force in Hong Kong before 1 July 1997, which must, for the time being, be construed with such modifications, adaptations, limitations and exceptions as may be necessary in compliance with the Basic Law and the status of Hong Kong as a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China in accordance with section 2A of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) and Schedules 8 and 9 thereto; and (b) thereafter amend them as necessary to properly reflect the policy intent of the relevant policy bureau in the light of the resumption of the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong by the People's Republic of China. In the process, it is also necessary to ensure that the intention in the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress made on 23 February 1997 in accordance with Article 160 of the Basic Law is reflected in any amendments to be made.

<sup>2</sup> 23 May 2022, 5 December 2022, 24 July 2023 and 25 March 2024.

## PROGRESS ON ADAPTATION OF LAWS

5. Since the report to the AJLS Panel in July 2023, more positive outcome has been achieved by addressing, by stages, as many of the outstanding ordinances in a speedy but orderly manner as practicable under the approach of “dealing with simple issues before the difficult ones”<sup>3</sup>. This has brought us closer to the goal of the final completion of the adaptation of laws exercise as set out below.

6. Having been in close liaison with 14 responsible bureaux, the LRC Secretariat is now in a position to confirm that there are, at this stage, a total of 150 pieces of legislation which have been the subject of careful examination. This means that, on top of the 101 pieces of legislation that were already mentioned in the last report in March 2024, 49 additional pieces have since been identified. The 150 pieces of legislation as identified are listed at **Annex A**. Although there may still be more outstanding provisions or pieces of legislation which warrant examination on adaptation as progress continues to be made, it is believed that most of them (including a not insignificant number of pieces of subsidiary legislation which are now identified individually<sup>4</sup>) have already been identified with the concerted effort by the responsible bureaux. In order to take forward as many adaptation related amendments which are minor, technical and non-controversial as practicable before the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> term of LegCo, the Secretary for Justice is striving to promote another omnibus bill in 2025 for different policy bureaux responsible for the outstanding provisions or pieces of legislation.

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<sup>3</sup> Following this approach, the LRC Secretariat takes into account the issues and parties involved and, depending on their complexity and inter-relations, seeks to classify them into different categories in order to establish a workable order of priority for the proposed legislative amendments to be introduced by the Government.

<sup>4</sup> This is the result after combing through various pieces of subsidiary legislation to the relevant principal ordinances which had already been examined.

7. Among the 150 pieces, the LRC Secretariat is pleased to report that there are:

(a) in the light of the enactment of the following ordinances since the submission of the LRC Secretariat's paper to the AJLS Panel in March 2024, 57 pieces of legislation (raising the number by 39, up from 18 as reported in March 2024) in respect of which proposed adaptation provisions have been enacted or the relevant issues arising therefrom have otherwise been satisfactorily addressed<sup>5</sup> (see Part I of Annex A):

(i) the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (adapting seven pieces of legislation<sup>6</sup>);

(ii) the Electronic Traffic Enforcement (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2024 (adapting two pieces of legislation<sup>7</sup>); and

(iii) the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (adapting 30 other pieces of legislation<sup>8</sup>);

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<sup>5</sup> This would be subject to continual double-checking and a final trawl-through before the relevant interpretative principles under Schedules 8 and 9 to the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1) may ultimately be repealed as appropriate.

<sup>6</sup> The Safeguarding National Security Ordinance, which was enacted by the Legislative Council shortly before the LRC Secretariat's last report to the AJLS Panel in March 2024, adapted all or some of the outstanding provisions in the Evidence Ordinance (Cap. 8), the Post Office Ordinance (Cap. 98), the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200), the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221), the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules (Cap. 221D), the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 332) and the Official Secrets Ordinance (Cap. 521).

<sup>7</sup> The Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance (Cap. 237) and the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240).

<sup>8</sup> With regard to the subsidiary legislation under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) and the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 358), they have not been counted individually for the present purpose in order not to skew the figures disproportionately by a large number (an otherwise upward surge of some 30 pieces) of more technical and straightforward adaptation amendments stemming from these two principal ordinances included in the omnibus bill which was passed after the LRC Secretariat's last report to the AJLS Panel in March 2024.

- (b) **around 60** pieces of legislation (including a majority of the newly identified ones) in respect of which serious consideration is being or has been made for the possible inclusion of the proposed adaptation in the next omnibus bill<sup>9</sup> (compared to 13 pieces of this nature in the LRC Secretariat's last report in March 2024) provided that the relevant conditions<sup>10</sup> for inclusion are satisfied;
- (c) **22** pieces of legislation (compared to 10 pieces of this nature in the LRC Secretariat's last report in March 2024) the adaptation of which may warrant the introduction of dedicated amendment bills subject to further deliberation on legislative priority; and
- (d) the remaining **7** pieces of legislation (compared to 23 of this nature in the LRC Secretariat's last report in March 2024), pending resolution of outstanding issues which have been identified and considered more complex.

It is important to note that a particular piece of legislation may involve different provisions or parts thereof which fall under one or more of the above categories. Therefore, the sum of the sub-totals of each category may not necessarily amount to the number 150. In order to facilitate Members to have an overall view of the progress of the adaptation of laws exercise, a bar chart showing the pieces of legislation falling under designated categories is presented at **Annex B**.

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<sup>9</sup> It should be noted that there may still be references which require adaptation under the relevant legislation despite the adaptation amendments to be introduced by a forthcoming omnibus bill.

<sup>10</sup> In general, only an amendment (or repeal) that is largely minor, technical and non-controversial in nature may be covered in an omnibus bill.

8. In other words, since the submission of the LRC Secretariat's paper for the AJLS Panel meeting in March 2024,

- (a) proposed adaptation provisions have been enacted or relevant action has been completed in respect of 39 more pieces of legislation;
- (b) more concrete plans have been devised to proceed with the adaptation of 75 more pieces of legislation either (i) through bills (by way of composite bills, if necessary, if so doing would facilitate the LegCo in scrutinising the amendments to different but related ordinances in a more focused manner) to be introduced by the responsible bureau or making subsidiary legislation or (ii) through the next omnibus bill targeted to be introduced in 2025 (which would hopefully make more economical and effective use of legislative time); and
- (c) the anticipated number of pieces of legislation which are intended to be proceeded with in the near future by way of (i) the next omnibus bill, or (ii) other bills or subsidiary legislation which may be introduced in the 2025 legislative session is likely to be around 60.

9. As previously reported, the reasons why further and sustained effort is required to work on those falling under paragraph 7(d) above are:

- (a) certain provisions in different ordinances or subsidiary legislation are inter-related or a provision may contain cross references to some other legislation which also requires adaptation. It is hence important that due care and diligence should be exercised to ensure the proposed adaptation amendments are consistent with one another, and at the same

time coherent with existing laws to ensure that the intention in the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress made on 23 February 1997 in accordance with Article 160 of the Basic Law is properly reflected in any amendments to be made;

- (b) input from different bureaux and departments are required before the proposed adaptation may safely be finalised. Given that input from different policy perspectives must be duly considered and the impact on operation properly assessed, more time is required for further intra-government communication and careful examination of the complex issues involved before a conclusive decision can be reached with the benefit of any needed legal advice; and
- (c) the adaptation of certain provisions or references require consultation with the Central Authorities or parties outside the government. In fact, the Central Authorities have already been or are being consulted on the proposed adaptation on a number of pieces of legislation. The LRC Secretariat will continue to act proactively on the remaining ones so as to facilitate their early consultation. For those issues in respect of which the consultation process has already commenced, due regard is made to the feedback received so far in order to formulate, refine or finalise the adaptation proposals.

10. In maintaining the momentum, it is understood that the Government will continue to adhere to the "dealing with simple issues before the difficult ones" approach. The resolve to introduce omnibus bills in quick succession (see paragraphs 6 and 7(a)(iii) & (b) above), as long as conflicting legislative priorities permit, is informed by this approach and built on accumulated experience. The LRC Secretariat

will carry on making proactive efforts in bringing the relevant responsible and supporting bureaux together and liaising with the relevant legal division(s) of the Department of Justice. The LRC Secretariat will also maintain communication with representatives from the Central Authorities to make sure that the overall plan is moving on the right track and work towards the timely resolution of complex and intricate issues as can be identified.

## **REPEAL OF OBSOLETE LAWS**

11. To date, and incidental to the adaptation of laws exercise, besides the 16 pieces of legislation<sup>11</sup> or obsolete provisions thereof which were already repealed since the LRC Secretariat's last report in March 2024, there are at least another 43 pieces of legislation or provisions thereof which are identified to be obsolete and it is expected that a majority of which may be repealed by way of the next omnibus bill.

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<sup>11</sup> They are:

- (a) the Immigration (Places of Detention) Order (Cap. 115B), the Immigration (Vietnamese Refugee Centres) (Designation) (Consolidation) Order (Cap. 115G), the Immigration (Vietnamese Refugee Centres) (Open Centre) Rules (Cap. 115H), the Immigration (Vietnamese Refugee Centres) (Departure Centre) Rules (Cap. 115I), the Immigration (Vietnamese Migrants) (Detention Centres) Rules (Cap. 115M), the Immigration (Vietnamese Migrants) (Detention Centres) (Designation) Order (Cap. 115N), the Immigration (Vietnamese Boat People) (Shek Kwu Chau Detention Centre) Rules (Cap. 115P), and the Immigration Service (Designated Places) Order (Cap. 331B), which were (or the provisions of which were) repealed by L.N. 46 to 53 of 2023; and
- (b) the Post Office Ordinance (Cap. 98), the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115), the Examination of Hull, Ship-side Fittings and Boilers (Exemption) (Consolidation) Notice (Cap. 369I), the Corridor Bulkheads Serving Accommodation Spaces and Control Stations (Cap. 369J), the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Exemption) Notice (Repealed) (Cap. 369P), the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) (Ships Built Before 1 September 1984) Regulations (Cap. 369R), the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) (Ships Built On or After 1 September 1984) Regulations (Cap. 369S), and the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Grain) Regulations (Cap. 369AA), which were (or the provisions of which were) repealed by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024).

## **WAY FORWARD**

12. It is an on-going part of the LRC Secretariat's work in this review exercise to keep track of and to report to the AJLS Panel on the progress regularly. The LRC Secretariat will continue to monitor the progress to ensure the adaptation of laws component of the review exercise could be completed timeously and without undue delay. This is even though the LRC Secretariat is not at liberty to pre-empt the responsible bureaux in apprising the LegCo and the public of their legislative plans before they are in a position to do so.

**Law Reform Commission Secretariat**  
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**List of legislation which warrants examination by the Responsible Bureau**

**I. Legislation in respect of which proposed adaptation provisions have been enacted (or the relevant issues arising therefrom have otherwise been satisfactorily addressed)**

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of legislation</b>	<b>Relevant provisions</b>	<b>How were the provisions adapted or relevant issues otherwise addressed</b>
1.	Cap. 6	Bankruptcy Ordinance	Sections 36, 38, 113, 114 and 127	Adapted by the Bankruptcy and Companies Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 (Ord. No. 22 of 2023) and the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
2.	Cap. 6A	Bankruptcy Rules	Rules 2 and 5	Adapted by the Bankruptcy and Companies Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 (Ord. No. 22 of 2023) and the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
3.	Cap. 8	Evidence Ordinance	Section 77	Adapted by the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (Ord. No. 6 of 2024)*
4.	Cap. 10	Probate and Administration Ordinance	Sections 8 and 72	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of legislation</b>	<b>Relevant provisions</b>	<b>How were the provisions adapted or relevant issues otherwise addressed</b>
5.	Cap. 16	Separation and Maintenance Orders Ordinance	Section 6	Adapted by the Family Procedure Ordinance (Ord. No. 13 of 2023)
6.	Cap. 30	Wills Ordinance	Section 5	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
7.	Cap. 32	Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance	Section 168E	Adapted by the Bankruptcy and Companies Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 (Ord. No. 22 of 2023)
8.	Cap. 55	Labour Relations Ordinance	Sections 35 to 37	Information note added to Hong Kong e-Legislation concerning the adaptation to the uncommenced provisions
9.	Cap. 79	Surviving Spouses' and Children's Pensions Ordinance	Sections 2, 2A, 3	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
10.	Cap. 84B	Pilotage (Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations	Regulation 5	Adapted by the Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2022 (Ord. No. 12 of 2022)
11.	Cap. 94	Widows and Orphans Pension Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
12.	Cap. 98	Post Office Ordinance	Section 32	Adapted by the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (Ord. No. 6 of 2024) and the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
13.	Cap. 106	Telecommunications Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Telecommunications (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 4 of 2024)

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14.	Cap. 107	Tramway Ordinance	Section 50	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
15.	Cap. 115	Immigration Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)*
16.	Cap. 115A	Immigration Regulations	Regulation 11 and Schedule 1	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)*
17.	Cap. 115M	Immigration (Vietnamese Migrants) (Detention Centres) Rules	Rules 3 and 6	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
18.	Cap. 170	Wild Animals Protection Ordinance	Section 22 and Schedule 6	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
19.	Cap. 174	Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance	Section 20	Adapted by the Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (Ord. No. 3 of 2023)
20.	Cap. 179	Matrimonial Causes Ordinance	Sections 10, 49, 55 to 58 and 62	Adapted by the Family Procedure Ordinance (Ord. No. 13 of 2023)
21.	Cap. 200	Crimes Ordinance	Parts I and II	Repealed by the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (Ord. No. 6 of 2024)
22.	Cap. 221	Criminal Procedure Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (Ord. No. 6 of 2024) and the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)*
23.	Cap. 221A	Criminal Appeal Rules	Schedule	Confirmed that the relevant reference was already adapted by the Adaptation of Laws (Courts and

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of legislation</b>	<b>Relevant provisions</b>	<b>How were the provisions adapted or relevant issues otherwise addressed</b>
				Tribunals) Ordinance (Ord. No. 25 of 1998) and that the verified copy in Hong Kong e-Legislation has now been updated
24.	Cap. 221D	Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules	Rule 13	Adapted by the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (Ord. No. 6 of 2024)
25.	Cap. 237	Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Electronic Traffic Enforcement (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 13 of 2024)
26.	Cap. 240	Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance	Sections 2, 9 and 12	Adapted by the Electronic Traffic Enforcement (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 13 of 2024)
27.	Cap. 245B	Military Installations Closed Areas Order	First Schedule	Confirmed by the responsible bureau that the relevant references are consistent with the current constitutional order and up-to-date
28.	Cap. 245D	Public Order (Movement of Craft) Order	Schedule	Confirmed by the responsible bureau that the relevant references are consistent with the current constitutional order and up-to-date
29.	Cap. 281	Merchant Shipping Ordinance	Sections 34A to 34D	Marked in Hong Kong e-Legislation as “omitted as expired” or “omitted as spent”, as the case may be
30.	Cap. 284	Misrepresentation Ordinance	Section 7	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
31.	Cap. 311	Air Pollution Control Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation	Various provisions	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of legislation</b>	<b>Relevant provisions</b>	<b>How were the provisions adapted or relevant issues otherwise addressed</b>
32.	Cap. 313	Shipping and Port Control Ordinance	Section 2	Confirmed by the responsible bureau that the relevant references are consistent with the current constitutional order and up-to-date
33.	Cap. 332	Trade Unions Ordinance	Section 48	Adapted by the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (Ord. No. 6 of 2024)
34.	Cap. 354	Waste Disposal Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
35.	Cap. 358	Water Pollution Control Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation	Various provisions	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
36.	Cap. 368	Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance	Sections 3, 16, 20 and 21	Adapted by the Free-Flow Tolling (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2021 (Ord. No. 20 of 2021)
37.	Cap. 369C	Merchant Shipping (Instructions to Surveyors) (Passenger Ships) Regulations	Preliminary, paragraphs 98, 100, 118, 129 and Appendix II	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
38.	Cap. 369E	Merchant Shipping (Minimum Passenger Space) Regulations	Regulation 40	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
39.	Cap. 369W	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built Before 25 May 1980) Regulations	Regulation 31	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)*
40.	Cap. 370	Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance	Sections 2 to 5, 11 to 17, 19, 21 to 23, 25 to 29, 34 and 42	Adapted by the Development (Town Planning, Lands and Works) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 (Ord. No. 25 of 2023)

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of legislation</b>	<b>Relevant provisions</b>	<b>How were the provisions adapted or relevant issues otherwise addressed</b>
41.	Cap. 372	Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance	Sections 2, 7 and Second Schedule	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
42.	Cap. 374	Road Traffic Ordinance	Section 123	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
43.	Cap. 400	Noise Control Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
44.	Cap. 406D	Electricity (Registration) Regulations	Regulation 18	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
45.	Cap. 415	Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance	Section 2	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)*
46.	Cap. 429	Parent and Child Ordinance	Sections 2, 6, 12 and 16	Adapted by the Family Procedure Ordinance (Ord. No. 13 of 2023)
47.	Cap. 436	Western Harbour Crossing Ordinance	Various sections	Whole ordinance repealed by the Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (Ord. No. 18 of 2023)
48.	Cap. 474	Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
49.	Cap. 483	Airport Authority Ordinance	Section 8	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
50.	Cap. 483A	Airport Authority Bylaw	Schedule 2	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
51.	Cap. 498	Tsing Ma Control Area Ordinance	Sections 27, 28 and 30	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of legislation</b>	<b>Relevant provisions</b>	<b>How were the provisions adapted or relevant issues otherwise addressed</b>
52.	Cap. 514	Patents Ordinance	Section 75	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
53.	Cap. 520	Discovery Bay Tunnel Link Ordinance	Sections 11, 12, 26, 30 and 35	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
54.	Cap. 521	Official Secrets Ordinance	Various sections	Adapted by the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (Ord. No. 6 of 2024)
55.	Cap. 559	Trade Marks Ordinance	Schedule 2	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)
56.	Cap. 1034	Masonic Benevolence Fund Incorporation Ordinance	Section 9	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)*
57.	Cap. 1055	Zetland Hall Trustees Incorporation Ordinance	Section 10	Adapted by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2024 (Ord. No. 21 of 2024)*

\* The relevant pieces of legislation may still contain outstanding provisions requiring adaptation although there are already adaptations made in relation to different parts of them.

**II. Legislation in respect of which the legislative process for adaptation has commenced but not yet completed**

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of legislation</b>	<b>Bill (or subsidiary legislation) by which the necessary amendment or repeal is proposed (or tabled)</b>	<b>Progress</b>
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**III. Legislation in respect of which policy decision for adaptation is being formulated or otherwise pending commencement of legislative process for adaptation if amendment or repeal is necessary**

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of Legislation</b>
58.	Cap. 2A	Capital Works Reserve Fund
59.	Cap. 4	High Court Ordinance
60.	Cap. 4A	Rules of the High Court
61.	Cap. 4C	High Court Fees (In Prize) Order
62.	Cap. 4D	High Court Fees Rules
63.	Cap. 4F	Copyright (Border Measures) Rules
64.	Cap. 9	Judgments (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance
65.	Cap. 21	Defamation Ordinance
66.	Cap. 23	Law Amendment and Reform (Consolidation) Ordinance
67.	Cap. 29B	Judicial Trustee Rules
68.	Cap. 32	Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance
69.	Cap. 34	Money Changers Ordinance
70.	Cap. 36	Privileges and Immunities (Joint Liaison Group) Ordinance
71.	Cap. 46	Foreign Judgments (Restriction on Recognition and Enforcement) Ordinance
72.	Cap. 53B	Antiquities and Monuments (Declaration of Monuments and Historical Buildings) (Consolidation) Notice
73.	Cap. 57	Employment Ordinance
74.	Cap. 76	Recognition of Trusts Ordinance
75.	Cap. 89	Pensions Ordinance
76.	Cap. 112	Inland Revenue Ordinance
77.	Cap. 115D	Immigration (Unauthorized Entrants) Order

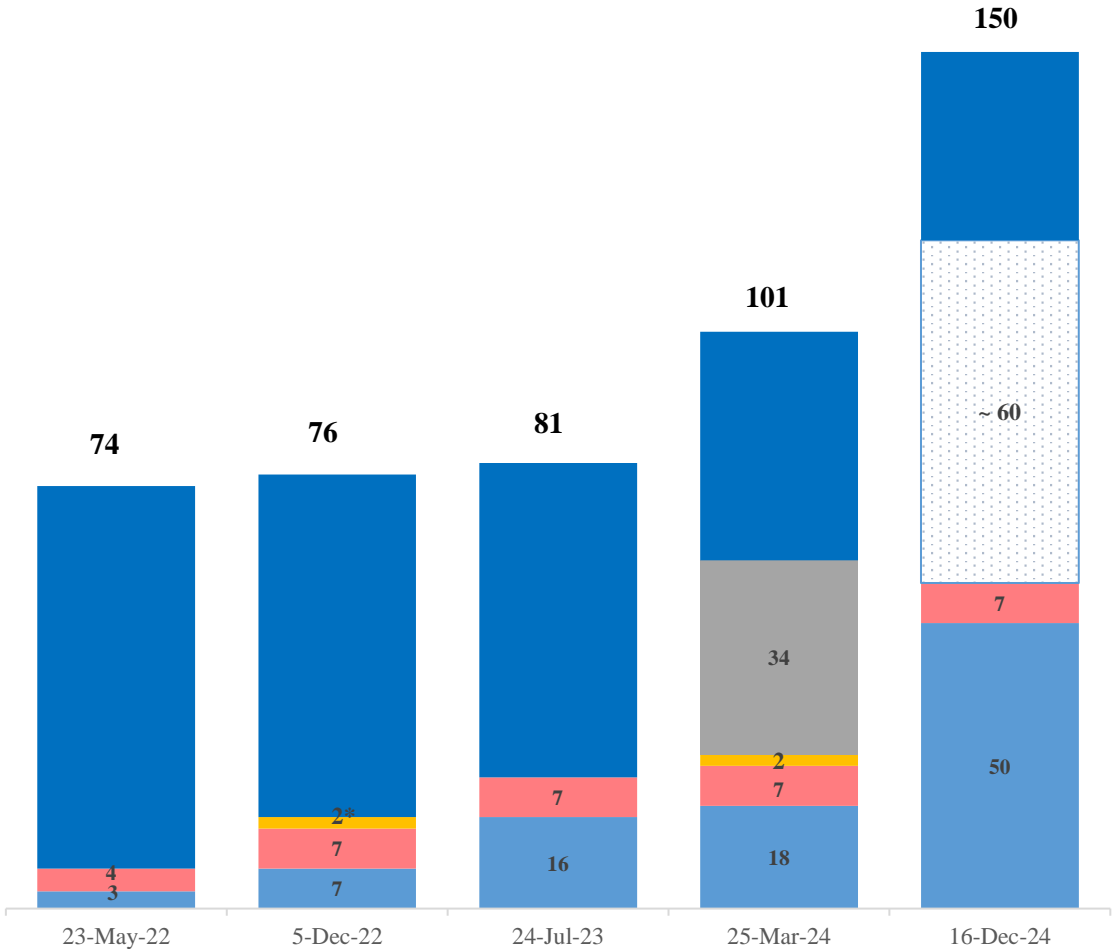
	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of Legislation</b>
78.	Cap. 118	Crown Lease (Pok Fu Lam) Ordinance
79.	Cap. 122	Audit Ordinance
80.	Cap. 127	Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance
81.	Cap. 128	Land Registration Ordinance
82.	Cap. 150	New Territories Leases (Extension) Ordinance
83.	Cap. 155	Banking Ordinance
84.	Cap. 155A	Banking Ordinance (Deposit-taking Exemptions) (Consolidation) Notice
85.	Cap. 169A	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations
86.	Cap. 177A	Registration of Persons Regulations
87.	Cap. 188	Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance
88.	Cap. 228	Summary Offences Ordinance
89.	Cap. 232	Police Force Ordinance
90.	Cap. 252	Enforcement of Rights (Extension of Time) Ordinance
91.	Cap. 256	Land Transactions (Enemy Occupation) Ordinance
92.	Cap. 257	Perpetuities and Accumulations Ordinance
93.	Cap. 272	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Ordinance
94.	Cap. 272A	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Regulations
95.	Cap. 282	Employees' Compensation Ordinance
96.	Cap. 290	Adoption Ordinance
97.	Cap. 300	Crown Proceedings Ordinance
98.	Cap. 314	Occupiers Liability Ordinance
99.	Cap. 319	Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance
100.	Cap. 319A	Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Order

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title of Legislation</b>
101.	Cap. 319B	Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) (Application to the Commonwealth) Order
102.	Cap. 336	District Court Ordinance
103.	Cap. 336F	District Court (Fixed Costs in Matrimonial Causes) Rules
104.	Cap. 336H	Rules of the District Court
105.	Cap. 338	Small Claims Tribunal Ordinance
106.	Cap. 347	Limitation Ordinance
107.	Cap. 352A	Partition Rules
108.	Cap. 360	Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance
109.	Cap. 360A	Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) (Assessment of Levy) Regulations
110.	Cap. 369	Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance
111.	Cap. 369S	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) (Ships Built On or After 1 September 1984) Regulations
112.	Cap. 369X	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Appliances) (Ships Built On or After 25 May 1980 but Before 1 September 1984) Regulations
113.	Cap. 369Y	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built On or After 1 September 1984) Regulations
114.	Cap. 369AH	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Means of Access) Regulations
115.	Cap. 369AL	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction) (Ships Built Before 1 September 1984) Regulations
116.	Cap. 369AM	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction and Survey) (Ships Built On Or After 1 September 1984) Regulations
117.	Cap. 369AO	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Protective Clothing and Equipment) Regulations
118.	Cap. 369BA	Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Navigational Equipment and Safety of Navigation) Regulation
119.	Cap. 372B	Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation By-laws
120.	Cap. 377	Civil Liability (Contribution) Ordinance

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121.	Cap. 414	Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution) Ordinance
122.	Cap. 434	Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Shipowners Liability) Ordinance
123.	Cap. 434A	Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and Others) (Calculation of Tonnage) (Hong Kong) Order
124.	Cap. 437	Foreign Corporations Ordinance
125.	Cap. 460	Security and Guarding Services Ordinance
126.	Cap. 469	Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance
127.	Cap. 471	Protection of Trading Interests Ordinance
128.	Cap. 478	Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance
129.	Cap. 478B	Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Entry into Dangerous Spaces) Regulation
130.	Cap. 478G	Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Safe Movement on Board Ship) Regulation
131.	Cap. 478I	Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Crew Accommodation) Regulation
132.	Cap. 478M	Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Code of Safe Working Practices) Regulation
133.	Cap. 478R	Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Safety Officials and Reporting of Accidents, Dangerous Occurrences and Occupational Diseases) Regulation
134.	Cap. 479	Nuclear Material (Liability for Carriage) Ordinance
135.	Cap. 484	Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance
136.	Cap. 484A	Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Rules
137.	Cap. 488	Block Crown Lease (Cheung Chau) Ordinance
138.	Cap. 500	Carriage by Air Ordinance
139.	Cap. 503	Fugitive Offenders Ordinance
140.	Cap. 503L	Fugitive Offenders (Notification Procedures) Regulation
141.	Cap. 522	Registered Designs Ordinance
142.	Cap. 528	Copyright Ordinance

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143.	Cap. 605	Bunker Oil Pollution (Liability and Compensation) Ordinance
144.	Cap. 1014	Church of England Trust Ordinance
145.	Cap. 1023	Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited (By-laws) Ordinance
146.	Cap. 1048	St. Joseph's College Incorporation Ordinance
147.	Cap. 1089	St. John's College Ordinance
148.	Cap. 1102	St. Paul's College Council Incorporation Ordinance
149.	Cap. 1133	The Methodist Church, Hong Kong, Incorporation Ordinance
150.	Cap. 1164	Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Incorporation Ordinance

**Number of pieces of legislation examined under the adaptation exercise by categories**



- Others
- Legislation in respect of which proposed adaptations being considered to be introduced by the next omnibus bill
- Legislation in respect of which proposed adaptations to be introduced by the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024
- Legislation in respect of which proposed adaptations have been introduced to the Legislative Council but not yet passed
- Legislation in respect of which proposed adaptations to be/ has been introduced in the course of the legislative exercise to implement article 23 of the Basic Law
- Legislation in respect of which proposed adaptation provisions have been enacted or relevant issues arising therefrom have otherwise been satisfactorily addressed

\* The legislative process for the proposed adaptations to Cap. 370 had not yet commenced at the time of the LRC Secretariat's second report to the AJLS Panel (5 December 2022), but was expected to commence later in that month (which it did on 14 December 2022).

Note

- (i) It should be noted that a particular piece of legislation may involve different provisions or parts thereof which fall under one or more of the above categories. Therefore, the sum of the sub-totals of each category may not necessarily amount to the grand total.
- (ii) Some pieces of legislation may still contain outstanding provisions requiring adaptation although there are (or have been) proposed adaptations in relation to different parts of them. Therefore, the number of pieces of legislation that continues to require adaptation can exceed those falling under the category of "Others" (i.e. the difference between the grand total and the combined sub-totals of the other categories).