


**LegCo President's  
Decision on  
Member's Bill**

proposed new statutory requirements would result in changes in the organization structure of the Government, which included distribution of responsibilities among government departments and their procedure or working process, in implementing the new requirements contained in the Bill. The answer to the question was that imposing an additional statutory requirement of applying for special permits from Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation ("DAFC") to carry out excavation and building works in tree protection zones clearly changed the present

procedure for carrying out excavation or building works on Government land.

The LegCo President was therefore of the view that the Bill would have effect on the operation of the Government. Such effect was obvious because the requirement of obtaining a special permit from DAFC in respect of tree protection zones was a new requirement provided by law. The effect was also not a temporary one because this requirement, once enacted, would remain in force until it was amended or repealed.

## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>BL</b>	Basic Law / Basic Law Article
<b>BoR</b>	Hong Kong Bill of Rights
<b>CA</b>	Court of Appeal
<b>CE</b>	Chief Executive
<b>CE in C</b>	Chief Executive in Council
<b>CFA</b>	Court of Final Appeal
<b>CFI</b>	Court of First Instance
<b>CPG</b>	Central People's Government
<b>ExCo</b>	Executive Council
<b>HKSAR</b>	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
<b>HKSARG</b>	Government of the HKSAR
<b>ICCPR</b>	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
<b>ICESCR</b>	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
<b>LegCo</b>	Legislative Council
<b>NPC</b>	National People's Congress
<b>NPCSC</b>	Standing Committee of the NPC
<b>PRC</b>	People's Republic of China

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