

Construction Industry Council

Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments

Meeting No. 005/15 of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments was held on Tuesday, 1 December 2015 at 2:30pm at Conference Room, Kowloon Bay Training Centre, 44 Tai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay.

Summary notes of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments (SGICA) Meeting No. 005/15:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
5.1	CIC/ICA/R/004/15	Confirmation of Progress Report of the Last Meeting The progress report of the 4 th meeting held on 15 September 2015 was confirmed.
5.2		Matter Arising from the Last Meeting To prepare for the implementation of “designated workers for designated skills” provision, members approved adding a new term of reference as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To study and implement the proposed measures of recognising overseas trade tests, conducting CIC trade tests outside Hong Kong or mutual recognition of trade tests with overseas training organisations or institutions.
5.3	CIC/ICA/P/009/15 (for information)	Report on the Works of CITB for the Amendments to the CWRO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More than 1,700 people applied for trade tests in October and November respectively (excluding CIC graduates), which exceeded the target by 4%.• The secretariat reported the publicity plan for trade tests to the Steering Group. A new round of publicity campaign was endorsed by the Task Force on Trade Testing under CITB. The secretariat would seek approval for the campaign from the Task Force on the Promotion of Remaining Phase of Prohibition of CWRO under CWRB.• The Task Force on Trade Testing commented that the individual promotion for the Senior Workers Registration Arrangement and trade tests was sufficient. It suggested strengthening the integrated promotion of the two measures. Members had no comments on the current overall promotion on “designated workers for designated skills”.• Most of the construction works of trade testing sites had completed and the capacity had been increased. Manpower resources had been enhanced with a team of ethnic minorities established.

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5.4	CIC/ICA/P/010/15 (for information)	Report on the Works of CWRB for the Amendments to the CWRO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As of 15 November, 15,285 people applied for registration through the “Senior Workers Registration Arrangement”.• Up to mid-November, the outreach team visited 15 construction sites and collected 1,702 and 198 applications for the Senior Workers Registration Arrangement and trade tests respectively.
5.5	CIC/ICA/P/011/15 (for information)	Report on Studying and Executing the Proposed Measures of Recognising Overseas Trade Tests or Conducting CIC Trade Tests outside Hong Kong <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Research and Development Team was studying 1) organising study mission to the construction training organisation/institutions in the mainland, and 2) recognising the overseas trade tests and qualifications, and formulating a work schedule.• A consultant would be appointed to participate in the preparatory work and the mission, study the features of various trades including the mode of training, assessment mechanism, required experiences as well as establishing the standards of recognising overseas trade tests.• Will liaise and arrange with respective authorities of Dongguan, Guangdong and Hangzhou concerning the visits to trade testing and training facilities.• The research would last for a period of 15 months and expected to complete before 2017. The research will involve 28 trade divisions, in which 3 trade divisions (carpenter (formwork), welder and cement sand mortar worker) will be studied in the first phase of the research.
5.6		The Impact Assessment on the Implementation of “Designated Workers for Designated Skills” Provision <p>Proposed by members, the secretariat and research and development team should set a target of impact assessment based on CIC manpower model and conducting an industry survey and in-depth discussion with stakeholders with reference to the results of the trial site inspection.</p>

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Steering Group of Implementation of CWRO Amendments can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.