

Construction Industry Council

Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments

Meeting No. 004/17 of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments was held on Thursday, 16 November 2017 at 4pm at Conference Room, Hong Kong Construction Association, 16/F, 180 – 182 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Summary notes of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments (SGICA) Meeting No. 004/17:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
4.1	CIC/ICA/R/002/17	<u>Confirmation of Progress Report of the Last Meeting</u> The minutes of the 3 rd meeting in 2017 held on 10 Aug 2017 were confirmed.
4.3	CIC/ICA/P/004/17 (for information)	<u>Number of Applications for Registration of Skilled & Semi-skilled Workers through Senior Workers Registration Arrangement and Trade Tests</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As of 31 October 2017, the total number of applications for the senior workers registration arrangement (SWRA) and trade tests was 176,653. A total of 110,942 workers registered as skilled/semi-skilled workers through new registration and change from general worker.
4.4	CIC/ICA/P/004/17 (for information)	<u>Review the Number of Registrations of Skilled & Semi-skilled Workers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As of 30 June 2017, there were 229,411 registered general workers, 25,988 registered semi-skilled workers and 201,796 registered skilled workers. There were 1,142 registered skilled workers (provisional) and 4 registered semi-skilled workers (provisional).There are three new trade divisions: False Ceiling Installer, Partition (Metal Frame) Installer and Cable Jointer (Dead Cable). As of 31 October 2017, the three trades had 910 registered skill workers and of which 656 workers registered as skilled workers through SWRA.
4.5	CIC/ICA/P/004/17 (for information)	<u>Inspection of Designated Workers for Designated Skills (DWDS)</u> 704 sites were inspected from 1 April to 31 October 2017 and out of which 492 sites were subject to implementation of reasonable measures. The inspection team had issued 31 notices of advice to 21 sites.
4.6	CIC/ICA/P/004/17 (for information)	<u>Promotion of New Construction Workers Registration Card</u> Promotion for the new construction workers registration card include direct email, advertisements on industry publications, posters, leaflets, CIC website and facebook, etc.

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4.7	CIC/ICA/P/004/17 (for information)	<p><u>Construction Workers Registration System (CWRS)</u> Construction Workers Registration System was fully implemented on 30 September 2017. As of 31 October 2017, card tapping records of 196,010 workers had been accumulated, 257,194 workers had been registered in the good lists of CWRS.</p>
4.8	CIC/ICA/P/004/17 (for information)	<p><u>Progress Report on Trade Test Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15,576, 19,340 and 18,190 trade tests were conducted in 2015, 2016 and from January to October in 2017 respectively. It was estimated that 27,500 trade tests would be conducted in the whole year of 2017. • Trade Testing Center (TTC) continued to carry out various renovations to upgrade facilities and measures to enhance services. In order to enhance quality of trade tests and customer services, TTC would adopt e-Survey and e-Written Test and worked with the Hong Kong Examination and Assessment Authority to organise Assessment Literacy Training Workshop for the Management and Supervising Instructors. TTC would take over the job of E&M trade tests and certification tests in 2018. • Promotion for trade tests include organising briefing sessions on construction sites, distributing of giveaway, introducing of trade test to ethnic minorities and broadcasting trade testing video on youtube, radio and building's advertising location.
4.9	CIC/ICA/P/004/17 (for information)	<p><u>Conclusion of SGICA</u> Major accomplishments of SGICA since its establishment in 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a total of 17 meetings to promote SWRA, trade tests and Designated Workers for Designated Skills (DWDS), such that the DWDS was implemented successfully. The total number of SWRA and trade tests applications had exceeded the target. • Provided valuable suggestions to the CWRS which was fully implemented since 30 September 2017. • Completed “Consultancy Services for Establishing an Accreditation Framework for Qualifying Skilled Workers for the Hong Kong Construction Industry – Final Report”. The CIC would formulate follow up actions where applicable with reference to the research results. <p>SGICA has completed all the tasks. The Chairman thanked Members for their contribution and efforts and the hard work of the Secretariat.</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.*