

Construction Industry Council

Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments

Meeting No. 004/14 of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments was held on Wednesday, 22 October 2014 at 2:30 pm at Conference Room, CIC Headquarters, 15/F, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Summary notes of the Steering Group on Implementation of CWRO Amendments (SGICA) Meeting No. 004/14:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
4.1	CIC/ICA/R/003/14	<p>Representative of DEVB reported on the latest progress of Construction Workers Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014 (the Bill). On the third meeting of the Bills Committee held on 20 October 2014, clause-by-clause examination of the Bill was nearly finished. If things progress smoothly, debate on Second and Third Reading was expected to be resumed on the Legislative Council Meeting in December 2014. The amended CWRO was expected to be commenced in March or April 2015. Members held no opinions on the commencement date.</p> <p>[Post Meeting Note: the Bills Committee had completed the examination of the Bill on 5 November 2014.]</p> <p>Confirmation of progress report of the last meeting Members confirmed the progress report of the third meeting held on 8 August 2014.</p>

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4.2	CIC/ICA/R/003/14	<p>Matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>Chairman concerned that information stored in the Construction Workers Registration Card might involve privacy issues. Director - Registration Services (D-RS) stated that the card-reading device developed by CIC would include a security system; an independent consultant was hired to review the system on security.</p>
4.3	CIC/ICA/P/014/14 (for information)	<p>Report on the works of CWRB for the amendments to the CWRO</p> <p>Chairman suggested setting up a review mechanism for senior workers registration arrangement by the Sub-committee on Senior Workers Assessment under CWRB. To avoid being too loose or strict on assessing senior workers by various authorized institutions, Chairman suggested adding clauses to the Notice for Authorized Institutions stating that CIC was entitled to terminate the accreditation of the institutions. Regarding the trade consultation and pilot work on the work guidelines for the amendments to the CWRO, Co-Chairman was worried that the timeframe was too tight. Director - Registration Services stated that an extension could be discussed.</p> <p>As for the promotion plan, representative of DEVB stated that CWRB might want to produce a TV Announcement and reserve advertising time in advance at the Information Services Department. Promotion could be commenced early in April 2015. On the other hand, Co-Chairman suggested making arrangements for inspecting and monitoring workers registration, for instance, reminding workers to register in due course. Representative of DEVB suggested that early promotions</p>

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		should also encourage workers to apply for trade tests as soon as possible.
4.4	CIC/ICA/P/015/14 (for discussion)	Effects on the programmes and trade tests and the overall reaction plan upon the amendments to the CWRO Members took note of Paper CIC/ICA/P/015/14 and accepted that estimate for the number of trade tests in the coming two years would be 59,000 persons (lower limit) to 77,000 persons (upper limit) caused by amendments to the CWRO. Representative of DEVB suggested that the new workers registration system could consider an automatic update with trade test results.

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.*