

Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Agreement on Economic and Technical Co-operation

Instruction for compiling a list of MICE events to enjoy the facilitation measures for entry-exit permit and visit endorsement application

In order to implement further co-operation between the MICE industries of the Mainland and Macao, with a view to promoting economic development and facilitating economic and trade exchanges between the two places, the two sides signed the “(CEPA) Agreement on Economic and Technical Co-operation”. In the Agreement, it is indicated that “the relevant Mainland authorities will facilitate the entry-exit permit and visit endorsements application for Mainland MICE participants to enter Macao, so as to facilitate Mainland enterprises and personnel to participate in MICE events held in Macao”. After reaching consensus by close communication between the two sides, the Ministry of Commerce and the Macao SAR Government have agreed on an implementation plan to facilitate the entry-exit permit and visit endorsement application: the SAR Government submits a list of MICE events that need the facilitation measures to the Minister of Commerce semiannually; the Minister of Commerce coordinates with relevant Mainland authorities to facilitate the entry-exit applications processing.

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To enable the facilitation for entry-exit permits and visit endorsement application for those in need, industry associations or MICE event organisers first need to specify which MICE events that need the facilitations on a list – together with details of these events, and submit the list to the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute(IPIM). IPIM will collect and compile the information, and then submit the finalised list to the Ministry of Commerce. All information and documents in relation to the events should be submitted to IPIM through the official application form or the amendment/supplementary application form attached hereto. Applications submitted in other forms will not be accepted.

IPIM accepts the applications of the facilitation measures for entry-exit permit and visit endorsement application for MICE events. Details of the procedure are as follows:

- ✧ During the period 1 – 20 April each year, industry associations or MICE event organisers can submit the information and documents of the MICE events to be held in the second half of the year to IPIM; during the period 1 – 20 October, they can submit the information and documents for the MICE events to be held in the first half

of the next year (via the official application form). The list of relevant MICE events will be submitted to the Ministry of Commerce for verification, and the Mainland participants of approved MICE events can enjoy the facilitation for entry-exit permit and visit endorsement application to enter Macao.

- ✧ As the document will be submitted to the Ministry of Commerce for verification, no amendment or supplementation can be made to the applications after the deadlines specified above.

After filling in the application form or amendment/supplementation application form, please submit it in-person or by post to the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute(IPIM). Address: 1/F of the office building of the Complex of Commerce and Trade Co-operation Platform for China and Portuguese-speaking Countries in Rua Sul de Entre Lagos, Macao

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