

4 August 2008

**To : All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers
Registered General Building Contractors
Registered Specialist Contractors**

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Overloading of Dump Trucks
from Private Construction Sites to Disposal Facilities**

I am writing to solicit your cooperation in the control of overloading of dump trucks from your construction sites.

Overloading of dump trucks not only endangers the public road users and causes adverse impact to the environment, it also affects the site safety in both construction sites and the disposal facilities. To combat the overloading of dump trucks, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) had organized liaison meetings with the hauler associations, Hong Kong Construction Association and various government departments. It was reported that the situation of overloading in public works projects had much been improved, whereas for private construction sites, more than 30% of the trucks were found overloaded.

In this connection, please impress on your site supervision staff the importance of ensuring the trucks leaving your construction sites not to exceed the permitted gross vehicle weight. I would also like to draw your attention the Notice on "Enhanced Control on Truck Overloading" issued by CEDD recently. A copy of the Notice is enclosed for your reference and circulation to your site staff as necessary.

For enquiries concerning the above matter, please contact CEDD engineers at 2762 5589.

Yours faithfully,



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for Building Authority



Civil Engineering and Development Department

Notice

To Contractors, Truck Owners and Drivers:

Enhanced Control on Truck Overloading

Truck overloading has long been a problem in the construction industry. Truck overloading not only affects safety of road users, but also invalidates the insurance coverage of the truck, accelerate the wear and tear of the trucks and also the safety of the drivers.

In view of this, CEDD has implemented the control of truck overloading since September 2004. The trucks with their total weights exceeding by 10% over their permitted gross vehicle weights (PGVW) is not allowed to enter our construction waste disposal facilities. In addition, CEDD has strengthened the control on the dumping licenses by issuing warning letters or cancellation letters to the concerned truck owners. With co-operation of the trade, the overloading situation has been greatly improved. According to the laws, all trucks should not exceed PGVW. While the haulers are in general self-disciplined and observing the laws, CEDD decided after the consultation with the haulers and contractors associations, to enhance the control on the truck overloading with details as follows:

- (1) If the total weight of a truck at the intake weighbridge exceeds its PGVW by less than 5%, the concerned driver would receive an overloading notice (Attachment A), but be allowed to enter the facilities for disposal;
- (2) If the total weight of a truck at the intake weighbridge exceeds its PGVW by 5% or above, the concerned driver would receive an overloading notice (Attachment A), and not be allowed to enter the facilities for disposal;
- (3) For user of public fill reception facilities, CEDD will issue warning letter to the truck owner if his/her truck has 5 times or more of overloading records exceeding its PGVW by 5% or above within any 28 consecutive calendar days, and a dumping license cancellation letter for 10 times or more within any 28 consecutive calendar days.

The above enhanced control is tentatively scheduled to be implemented on 1 September 2008. During the transition period, CEDD will give reminder slip to those drivers having overload exceeding the PGVW by 5% or above. The driver is requested to pass the reminder to the site-in-charge of the generating source for adjusting their truck loads to prevent the recurrence of overloading. For any queries, please contact CEDD engineers at 2762 5589. Thanks for cooperation.

Chief Engineer/Fill Management
Civil Engineering and Development Department
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