

Breaches dealt with by the Communications Authority (“CA”) in April 2022

Breach of Licence Condition by Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited (“CRHK”)

Relevant Provision

Sound Broadcasting Licence (“Licence”)
- Condition 29

The CA’s Findings

CRHK is required under Condition 29 of the Licence to broadcast in each of its channels such announcements in the public interest (“APIs”) as the CA may determine.

It was found that the broadcast of the APIs for “Temporary measures under the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme (till December 31, 2021)” for nine times each on CR1 and CR2 channels from 1 to 4 January 2022 instead of the API on “‘LeaveHomeSafe’ COVID-19 exposure notification mobile app” required on CRHK, constituted a breach of Condition 29 of the Licence.

Decision

Taking into account the facts of the breach and CRHK’s representations, the CA decided that the case be classified as a **minor breach**, and CRHK be required to provide additional APIs slots as compensatory arrangement.