## **New measures under the Road Traffic Ordinance**

| <b>Driving Offences</b>   | Maximum<br>Fine<br>(\$) | Maximum<br>Imprisonment<br>period | Minimum Driving Disqualification period |                          | Driving-offence points to be | Should attend<br>mandatory<br>driving |  |  |  |  |
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|   |                         |                                   | First<br>Conviction                     | Subsequent<br>Conviction | incurred on<br>conviction    | improvement<br>course                 |  |  |  |  |
| Drink driving offences  |                         |                                   |   |                          |                              |                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Driving with alcohol     concentration above prescribed     limit   |                         |                                   |   |                          |                              |                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 1  | 25,000                  | 3 years                           | (6 months)                              | (2 years)                | 10                           | Yes                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 2  | 25,000                  | 3 years                           | (1 year)                                | (3 years)                | 10                           | Yes                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 3  | 25,000                  | 3 years                           | (2 years)                               | (5 years)                | 10                           | Yes                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Driving under the influence of drink or drugs to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the motor vehicle | 25,000                  | 3 years                           | (2 years)                               | (5 years)                | 10                           | Yes                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Failure to provide specimens of breath for screening breath tests without reasonable excuse                                      | 25,000                  | 3 years                           | (2 years)                               | (5 years)                | 10                           | Yes                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Failure to provide specimens of breath, blood or urine for analysis without reasonable excuse                                    | 25,000                  | 3 years                           | (2 years)                               | (5 years)                | 10                           | Yes                                   |  |  |  |  |

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| Dangerous Driving Offences                        |                         |                                   |   |                          |                              |                                       |  |  |  |
| 5. Dangerous driving                              | 25,000                  | 3 years                           | 6 months                                | 2 years                  | 10                           | Yes                                   |  |  |  |
| 6. Dangerous driving causing grievous bodily harm | (50,000)                | (7 years)                         | (2 years)                               | (5 years)                | (10)                         | (Yes)                                 |  |  |  |
| 7. Dangerous driving causing death                | 50,000                  | 10 years                          | 2 years                                 | (5 years)                | 10                           | Yes                                   |  |  |  |

## **Note**

- 1. The new penalties introduced under the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2010 are in brackets.
- 2. If at the time of committing any dangerous driving offences (i.e. item 5, 6 or 7),
  - (a) the driver's alcohol concentration is tier 3, or
  - (b) any amount of heroin, ketamine, 'ice' cannabis, cocaine or MDMA is present in his body,
  - the driver will be caught by the **aggravating circumstance** and subject to 50% higher penalties in terms of fine, imprisonment, and minimum disqualification period for the offence concerned.
- 3. Alcohol concentration under the 3-tier penalty system:
  - Tier 1: If it exceeds the prescribed limit (i.e. 22mcg / 50mg / 67mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath / blood / urine respectively) but is less than 35mcg / 80mg / 107mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath / blood / urine respectively.
  - Tier 2: If it exceeds tier 1 but is less than 66mcg / 150mg / 201mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath / blood / urine respectively.
  - Tier 3: If it exceeds tier 2.