Annex
Hong Kong's Prevailing and Proposed New Hong Kong Air Quality Objectives (AQOs)

Air Pollutants	Averaging Time	World Health Organization Air Quality Guidelines (µg/m³)				No. of exceedance allowed in	No. of exceedance allowed in
		IT-1	IT-2	IT-3	Ultimate target	Hong Kong AQOs	proposed new AQOs
Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂)	10-min				500	3	
	24-hour	125	50		20	3	3
Respirable suspended particulates (PM ₁₀)	24-hour	150	100	75	50	9	
	Annual	70	50	30	20	Not applicable	
Fine suspended particulates (PM _{2.5})	24-hour	75	50	37.5	25	9	35
	Annual	35	25	15	10	Not applicable	
Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂)	1-hour				200	18	
	Annual				40	Not applicable	
Ozone (O ₃)	8-hour	160			100	9	
Carbon monoxide (CO)	1-hour				30,000	0	
	8-hour				10,000	0	
Lead (Pb)	Annual				0.5	Not applicable	

Notes:

Prevailing Hong Kong AQOs are indicated in green cells.

Proposed new AQOs and allowable number of exceedances are indicated in orange cells.

IT- Interim Target