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L.N. 36 of 2007**LAND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2007**

(Made by the Land Registrar under section 28 of the Land Registration Ordinance (Cap. 128))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 1 July 2007.

2. Opening of Land Registry to the public

(1) Regulation 4(1) of the Land Registration Regulations (Cap. 128 sub. leg. A) is amended, in the Chinese text, by repealing “下列時間開放予公眾”.

(2) Regulation 4(1)(a) is amended by repealing “between 9.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on a weekday and between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. on a Saturday (not being a public holiday in either case)” and substituting “between 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Monday to Friday other than a public holiday”.

(3) Regulation 4(1)(b) is amended by repealing “between 2 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. on a weekday and between 9 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. on a Saturday (not being a public holiday in either case)” and substituting “between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday to Friday other than a public holiday”.

3. Delivery and form of memorial

(1) Regulation 5(5)(a) is amended by repealing “before 1 p.m. on a weekday and before 11.30 a.m. on a Saturday” and substituting “before 1.30 p.m. on any day on which the Land Registry is open to the public”.

(2) Regulation 5(5)(b) is amended by repealing everything after “is received by” and substituting—

“the Land Registrar—

(i) after 1.30 p.m. on any day on which the Land Registry is open to the public; or

(ii) on any day on which the Land Registry is not open to the public, be deemed to be the next following day on which the Land Registry is open to the public.”.

4. Size and form of instruments

(1) Regulation 9(3) is amended, in the definition of “identity card”, by repealing “and”.

(2) Regulation 9(3) is amended, in the definition of “identity card number”, by repealing the full stop and substituting a semicolon.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Land Registration Regulations (Cap. 128 sub. leg. A) to implement a five-day week programme for the Land Registry.

2. Regulation 4(1) (as amended by section 2) provides for the days on which the Land Registry will be open to the public under the new arrangement. It will be open on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. for the purpose of delivering instruments for registration. It will be open for other purposes on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. In both cases public holidays are excluded.

3. Regulation 5(5) (as amended by section 3) sets out the date of receipt of an instrument or memorial sent to the Land Registrar by post. If the instrument or memorial is received before 1.30 p.m. on a day on which the Land Registry is open to the public, the date of receipt is that day. If it is received after 1.30 p.m. on such a day, or on a day on which the Land Registry is not open to the public, the date of receipt will be deemed to be the next following day on which the Land Registry is open to the public.

4. Section 4 makes technical amendments to regulation 9(3).