

**Guidelines for Tree Risk Assessment and Management Arrangement**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Edition (Rev. 2)**

**AMENDMENT NO.: TMG1/02/2020**

**BACKGROUND**

This Amendment Sheet updates the Guidelines for Tree Risk Assessment and Management Arrangement (TRAM Guidelines) (9<sup>th</sup> Edition) to align with the promulgation of Tree Management Common Platform (TMCP) and the future requirements of the registration scheme for tree management personnel. Opportunity was also taken to make a few minor editorial amendments.

The amendments are given below.

**AMENDMENTS**

- (a) Cover Page Amend as follows:  
**Delete** ‘9th edition (Rev. 1), 1 April 2020)’ **and substitute** ‘9th edition (Rev. 2), 1 November 2020)’.

**PART 2**                      **TREE RISK ASSESSMENT**

- (a) Section 2.4 Amend as follows:
- On page 7, in ‘Objectives of Tree Group Inspection (Form 1) #3’, **add** ‘Make reference to the ‘Pictorial Guide for Tree Maintenance to Reduce Tree Risks’ ([https://www.greening.gov.hk/filemanager/content/pdf/tree\\_care/PictorialGuideForTreeMaintenanceToReduceTreeRisk\(eng\).pdf](https://www.greening.gov.hk/filemanager/content/pdf/tree_care/PictorialGuideForTreeMaintenanceToReduceTreeRisk(eng).pdf)) to’.
- On page 8, **delete** ‘For users with Tree Management Information System (TMIS) or the Tree Management Common Platform (TMCP) (under development) accounts, the use of Form 1 under the TMIS/TMCP format is recommended.’ **and substitute** ‘For users with Tree Management Common Platform (TMCP) accounts, the use of Form 1 under the TMCP Windows Application is required. Departments using interface to transfer tree information shall continue to use TMIS until new interface between department and the TMCP system is established.’
- On page 10, in ‘Monitoring Requirement 1. (b)’ of ‘Black’ category, **delete** ‘Tree Register’ **and substitute** ‘TMCP’.
- On page 10, in ‘Action’ of ‘RED’ category, **add** ‘2. Upload the tree information to the TMCP.’
- On page 11, in ‘Monitoring Requirement 2.’ of ‘RED’ category, **delete** ‘Tree Register’ **and substitute** ‘TMCP’.

On page 11, in ‘Downgrading Mechanism 1. (f)’ of ‘RED’ category, **delete** ‘Tree Register’ **and substitute** ‘TMCP’.

On page 11, in ‘Monitoring Requirement 2.’ of ‘YELLOW’ category, **delete** ‘Tree Register’ **and substitute** ‘TMCP’.

(b) Section 2.5

Amend as follows:

On page 14, **delete** ‘For users with TMIS / TMCP accounts, the use of Form 2 under the TMIS / TMCP format is recommended.’ **and substitute** ‘For users with Tree Management Common Platform (TMCP) accounts, the use of Form 2 under the TMCP Windows Application is required. Departments using interface to transfer tree information shall continue to use TMIS until new interface between department and the TMCP system is established.’

#### **PART 4**

#### **TREE CARE**

(a) Section 4.2

Amend as follows:

On page 30, in ‘Documentation #4’, **delete** ‘▪ Update information on Tree Register.’ and ‘▪ Update input to TMIS or TMCP.’ **and substitute** ‘▪ Update tree information on the TMCP.’

#### **PART 5**

#### **FORMS | TEMPLATES | CHECKLISTS**

(a) Section 5.3

Amend as follows:

In section 5.3.3, part C., last line, **add** ‘via the TMCP’.

#### **APPENDIX 2**

#### **OVERALL WORKFLOW OF TREE RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT**

(a)

Amend as follows:

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point under “TRIAGE RED”, item (iv), **delete** ‘20%’ **and substitute** “25%”.

#### **APPENDIX 3**

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTION OFFICERS FOR FORM 1 – TREE GROUP INSPECTION AND FORM 2 – INDIVIDUAL TREE RISK ASSESSMENT**

(a) Academic  
Qualifications

Amend as follows:

In line 2, **delete** ‘or equivalent’ and in line 3, **add** ‘, or equivalent in an appropriate discipline’.

(b) Professional  
Qualifications

Amend as follows:

In the 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point, **delete** ‘, or above qualifications’.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point, **delete** ‘European Tree Worker, European Tree Technician or above qualifications’ **and substitute** ‘European Tree Worker or European Tree Technician’.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet point, **delete** ‘, or above qualifications’.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> bullet point, **delete** ‘or above qualifications’.

## APPENDIX 5

(a)

### Explanatory Notes for Form 1: Tree Group Inspection

Amend as follows:

On page A5-6, in ‘Overall Conditions’, ‘Fair’ category, last paragraph, **delete** ‘tree treatments, tree failure is not foreseeable’ **and substitute** ‘remedial actions’.

On page A5-6, in ‘Overall Conditions’, ‘Poor’ category, last paragraph, **delete** ‘Mitigation measures is considered cannot completely remedies the health and structural defects. Tree failure is expected in the long run.’ **and substitute** ‘These health and structural defects are likely to be mitigated by pruning or other remedial actions.’

On page A5-6, in ‘Overall Conditions’, ‘Very poor’ category, last paragraph, **delete** ‘detrimental to the tree inspected and tree removal is highly recommended.’ **and substitute** ‘generally irrecoverable and detrimental to the tree.’

On page A5-9, in ‘Add Tree Group Photos’, line 3, **delete** ‘health or structural conditions classified as “Very Poor” and recommended for tree removal; and tree(s) recommended for’ **and substitute** ‘listed in Table (A) which was recommended for tree removal,’.

## APPENDIX 8

(a)

### Explanatory Notes for Form 2: Individual Tree Risk Assessment

Amend as follows:

In Section 8 – Branch Conditions, ‘Heavy lateral limb’, **delete** ‘leaves clustered at tip of a long branch.’ **and substitute** ‘limb with unusually long length for its diameter and/or heavy foliage load concentrated near its tip.’

In Section 9 – Trunk Conditions, ‘Poor taper’, **delete** ‘the decrease in diameter over the height of tree trunk. Poor taper’ **and substitute** ‘tree with normal taper in trunk has diameter decreases gradually from base to top. Tree with little or no taper’.

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