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The Regulations on Promoting the Development of the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, adopted at the 48th Session of the Standing Committee of the 13th People's Congress of Guangdong Province on January 9, 2023, are hereby promulgated and shall come into force on March 1, 2023.

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**Regulations on Promoting the Development of the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation
Zone in Hengqin**

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Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1 These Regulations are enacted in accordance with the Master Plan of the Development of the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin (hereinafter referred to as the Master Plan) and the relevant laws and administrative regulations in order to promote the development of the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin (hereinafter referred to as the Cooperation Zone), promote the appropriate diversification of Macao's economy, and enrich the practice of "one country, two systems".

Article 2 These Regulations shall apply to activities such as promoting the building and development of the Cooperation Zone.

The scope of application of these Regulations shall be the customs supervision area between the "first line" and "second line" of Hengqin Island as determined in the Master Plan, excluding the Hengqin Campus of the University of Macau and the Macao side of Hengqin Port. The "first line" is between Hengqin and Macao, and the "second line" is between Hengqin and other areas within the customs territory of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Mainland).

Article 3 In its development, the Cooperation Zone shall adhere to the principles of emancipation

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of the mind, reform and innovation, mutually beneficial cooperation, and openness and inclusiveness, develop new industries that promote the appropriate diversification of Macao's economy, build a new home where Macao residents can live and work conveniently, build a new system of high-standard opening-up that integrates with Macao, improve the new system of extensive consultation, joint contribution, joint management and shared benefits between Guangdong and Macao, and promote Macao's long-term prosperity and stability and better integration into the overall development of the country.

Article 4 The People's Government of Guangdong Province and its relevant departments, and the People's Government of Zhuhai Municipality and its relevant departments shall, according to the actual situation of the development and building of the Cooperation Zone, delegate or entrust the relevant provincial and municipal management authority to the relevant bodies of the Cooperation Zone in accordance with the law.

The People's Government of Guangdong Province and its relevant departments shall, in light of their own functions, formulate measures to increase guidance and support for the Cooperation Zone, and make the Cooperation Zone a testing ground and pioneer area for deepening reform and expanding opening-up.

The People's Government of Guangdong Province and its relevant departments shall support the Cooperation Zone in its effort to explore and implement the reform initiatives that have been implemented in other areas of Guangdong Province if the Cooperation Zone is in a position and has a practical need to do so.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in deepening reform and expanding opening-up in key areas such as economic management, the business environment, and market regulation by applying for authorization in the form of a checklist.

Article 5 The Cooperation Zone shall take the lead in boldly innovating, experimenting and independently exploring in important areas and key links of reform and opening-up, promote the harmonization of rules and the alignment of mechanisms, and set an example of regional development with Chinese characteristics that demonstrates the advantages of "one country, two systems".

The Cooperation Zone shall establish a mechanism for tolerating mistakes and exemption from responsibility. If any reform or innovation carried out in the Cooperation Zone fails to achieve the expected goals, but is in line with the strategic positioning and mission of the Cooperation Zone, the relevant units and individuals shall be exempted from responsibility provided that the decision-making procedures comply with laws, regulations or relevant provisions and they have not sought personal gains or colluded maliciously to harm the public interest.

Chapter 2 Governance System

Article 6 The Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall be jointly formed by Guangdong Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region in accordance with the Master Plan, and shall implement a dual-chairman system. The relevant units of Guangdong Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region, the People's Government of Zhuhai Municipality and the relevant agencies of the Central Government in Guangdong are members of the Administrative Committee of the Cooperation Zone.

The Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall be the deliberative and decision-making body responsible for the development and management of the Cooperation Zone, and shall coordinate and decide on the following major matters of the Cooperation Zone, among which matters involving state powers shall be submitted for approval in accordance with the procedures:

(1) Major plans, including the overall development plan of the Cooperation Zone, the territorial and spatial planning, important special planning, annual work summaries, plans and arrangements, and draft proposals on the annual budget and final accounts.

(2) Major policies, including major policies that require the support of the provincial people's government, major policies in areas such as industry, finance and taxation, talent, customs clearance, innovation and entrepreneurship that need to be supported by the State, and legislative proposals for the Cooperation Zone.

(3) Major projects, including major projects in the areas of infrastructure construction, industrial development and public services in the Cooperation Zone. The specific standards for major projects shall be formulated separately by the Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone.

(4) The appointment and removal of important personnel, including the proposal of candidates for the vice chairman of the Administrative Committee, the appointment and removal of the secretary-general and deputy secretary-general of the Secretariat of the Management Committee and the chairman and vice chairman of the Executive Committee, as well as matters such as the setting of the functions of the Executive Committee, its working bodies and its staff quota.

The Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone may, according to the actual needs of the Cooperation Zone, adjust the specific contents of the major matters in the preceding paragraph in accordance with the deliberative and decision-making procedures.

Article 7 The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone is the body undertaking the routine work of the Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone. It assumes primary responsibility for the implementation of the building of the Cooperation Zone, is responsible for the specific development and building of the Cooperation Zone, and performs relevant administrative and public service functions such as international promotion, investment promotion, industry introduction, land development, project construction, education and medical care, culture and sports, and social security in accordance with the law.

The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies are statutory bodies undertaking the economic and livelihood management and other related administrative and public service functions of the Cooperation Zone.

Article 8 The economic and livelihood management and other related administrative and public service functions of the former Management Committee of Zhuhai Hengqin New Area of China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone, the former Management Committee of Hengqin New Area of Zhuhai Municipality and the People's Government of Hengqin Town shall be undertaken by the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies.

Article 9 The economic and livelihood management and other related administrative and public service functions that are stipulated in laws, regulations and rules to be exercised by people's governments at or below the level of a districted city and their relevant departments may be exercised by the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies.

The economic and livelihood management and other related administrative and public service functions that are explicitly stipulated in laws, administrative regulations and departmental rules of the State Council to be exercised by the provincial people's government and its relevant departments shall be delegated to the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies, except where laws, administrative regulations, and departmental rules of the State Council expressly provide that they must not be delegated.

The economic and livelihood management and other related administrative and public service functions that are stipulated in the local regulations and government regulations of Guangdong Province to be exercised by the Provincial People's Government and its relevant departments shall be delegated to the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies.

The powers and functions of state administration undertaken by the People's Government of Guangdong Province and its relevant departments may, upon approval by the State Council and its relevant departments, be delegated to the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies.

Article 10 The catalogue of administrative functions and powers delegated to the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies by the People's Government of Guangdong Province and its relevant departments shall be formulated by the People's Government of Guangdong Province and released to the public.

The list of powers and responsibilities of the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies shall be released to the public by the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone.

Article 11 According to the actual needs of the development of the Cooperation Zone, the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone may independently decide on the personnel to be employed by its working bodies, as well as their compensation and benefits, and establish a

compensation management system that is compatible with the performance objectives.

The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone may select and recruit staff from among domestic and foreign professionals, and shall sign labor contracts with hired personnel.

Article 12 Where any foreign staff member of the Management Committee or Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone needs to have access to state secrets as required for work, the matter shall be reported to the Department for the Administration of State Secrets Protection of Guangdong Province for approval. The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall undertake specific work related to the administration of state secrets protection.

The People's Government of Guangdong Province may, in accordance with the law, authorize the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone to determine the classification level of state secrets.

Article 13 The dispatched agencies established by the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee and the People's Government of Guangdong Province in the Cooperation Zone (hereinafter referred to as the dispatched agencies of Guangdong Province) shall be responsible for Party building, national security, criminal justice, public security and other functions, perform the function of managing affairs within their jurisdiction, and cooperate with the Management Committee and Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone on the development and building of the Cooperation Zone. The dispatched agencies of Guangdong Province and the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall establish a mechanism for notification of major matters and coordination of important work, and strengthen the sharing of information on a day-to-day basis.

The dispatched agencies of the People's Government of Guangdong Province shall exercise administrative functions and powers in their own name within their purview, and the list of functions and powers shall be released to the public after being approved by the People's Government of Guangdong Province.

If the division of responsibilities between the dispatched agencies of the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone is unclear, the two parties shall report the matter to the Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone for the record after reaching an agreement through consultation. If no agreement can be reached through consultation, the Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall coordinate efforts to resolve the matter.

Article 14 The member units of the Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone on the Guangdong side shall establish a mechanism for direct liaison with the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies, provide operational guidance and support to the working bodies of the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone, and assist in solving practical problems.

The Office of the Leading Group of Guangdong Province for Advancing the Building of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area shall play the role of making overall plans,

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coordinating, advising on decision-making and promoting implementation, and shall be responsible for coordinating the support of relevant units in Guangdong Province for the development and building of the Cooperation Zone.

The relevant departments of Guangdong Province shall strengthen support in terms of policy and resources, and create conditions and prioritize arrangements for matters involving the Cooperation Zone. The integrated administrative service platform and the integrated administrative law enforcement platform of Guangdong Province shall be open to the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies.

Article 15 Zhuhai Municipality shall establish and improve a long-term connection and communication mechanism with the Cooperation Zone to support, serve and guarantee the development and building of the Cooperation Zone. Where social management, urban management and livelihood affairs in the Cooperation Zone need to be undertaken by Zhuhai Municipality, the matter shall be determined through consultation between the Cooperation Zone and Zhuhai Municipality. If no consensus can be reached through consultation, the People's Government of Guangdong Province shall coordinate efforts to resolve the matter.

Article 16 Guangdong Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region shall, through consultation, establish a revenue-sharing mechanism for the Cooperation Zone.

The Cooperation Zone shall implement first-level financial management, and the specific measures shall be formulated by the People's Government of Guangdong Province.

Revenues from the transfer of state-owned land use rights in the Cooperation Zone, after deducting costs, shall be shared equally between the Cooperation Zone and Zhuhai Municipality.

Statistical indicators of the Cooperation Zone on the national economy are included in the statistics of Zhuhai Municipality.

Article 17 The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall be responsible for the preparation of the draft budget of the Cooperation Zone, which, upon approval by the Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone, shall be submitted by the People's Government of Guangdong Province to the People's Congress of Guangdong Province for examination and approval in accordance with the procedures; the draft budget adjustment plan and final accounts, upon approval by the Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone, shall be submitted by the People's Government of Guangdong Province to the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Guangdong Province for examination and approval in accordance with the procedures.

Article 18 The competent audit department of Guangdong Province shall carry out audit supervision over the Cooperation Zone according to law.

The Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall establish an integrity audit

mechanism and carry out integrity supervision and audit supervision over the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies as required.

The relevant departments of Guangdong Province shall strengthen exchanges with the Cooperation Zone on integrity audit in order to promote coordination and communication.

Article 19 The Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall establish a system of indicators for assessing the effectiveness of the Cooperation Zone in promoting the appropriate diversification of Macao's economy, and conduct annual assessment. The assessment results shall be reported to the Leading Group for the Building of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Except as otherwise provided by laws, administrative regulations or State regulations, no assessment or evaluation items shall be set up for the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and its working bodies.

Chapter 3 Planning, Construction and Management

Article 20 The Cooperation Zone shall establish a planning system led by the overall development plan of the Cooperation Zone, based on the territorial spatial planning, and supported by special planning.

The development and building of the Cooperation Zone should be consistent with the planning requirements. Management modes in terms of land use for construction, dual control of total energy consumption and energy intensity, and pollutant discharge should be innovated.

Article 21 Land use in the Cooperation Zone shall be in line with the planning of the Cooperation Zone. A flexible and diverse land supply system should be built based on the principle of intensive, efficient and long-term development. Industrial land can be supplied by means of long-term leases, leasing first and then transferring, a combination of leasing and transfer, and flexible-term supply. Newly transferred construction land shall be directly used to support the appropriate diversification of Macao's economy

Article 22 The Cooperation Zone shall strengthen infrastructure development, improve the integrated transportation system on the island, open up routes to the outside world, strengthen the construction of "second-line" routes and surrounding infrastructure, strengthen the building of the Hengqin-Macao integrated multidimensional transportation system, and promote the formation of a rationally laid out, well-functioning, smoothly connected and efficiently operated infrastructure network.

Article 23 The Cooperation Zone shall build an urban big data center and a smart city operation management center on the basis of the digital government foundation, build an efficient and convenient urban operation management service platform, support cross-departmental

information sharing and business coordination, and realize the intelligent allocation of public resources.

The Cooperation Zone shall establish an intelligent application system covering urban governance, government services, community governance, and livelihood services, and strengthen cooperation between Hengqin and Macao on smart cities.

Article 24 The Cooperation Zone shall establish and improve mechanisms for overall planning and coordination of the development and utilization of underground space, and strengthen the layered development and utilization of underground space in accordance with the principles of safety, efficiency, and moderation. Priority should be given to the construction of urban infrastructure and public service facilities such as transportation, municipal works, air defense and disaster prevention, and environmental protection in underground space.

Explore land management reforms and innovations such as vertical development of urban underground space and layered empowerment, and set up land-use rights above, on and below the surface of construction land respectively.

Article 25 The Cooperation Zone shall improve the ecological environment evaluation, monitoring and supervision system, strictly observe the red line for ecological protection, ensure environmental quality, and keep resource utilization within limits, formulate a list for eco-environmental permits, implement the eco-environmental zoning control requirements, and strengthen reforestation, wetland conservation, beach improvement, and coastal and marine ecosystem conservation.

The Cooperation Zone shall fully coordinate with Macao on the protection and utilization of bay ecosystems, classify coastlines based on urban functions, and form a bay landscape that integrates wetland ecology, the image of the city, and life and leisure.

Article 26 The Cooperation Zone shall draw on advanced domestic and international experience, improve the management of city building and operation, and advance the construction of public facilities such as sewage pipe networks, solid waste treatment, information infrastructure, and public culture in an integrated manner.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in innovating a new management mode for super-tall buildings based on the integration of Hengqin and Macao, and scientifically and reasonably setting building height limits within the scope prescribed by the State.

Article 27 The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall, in conjunction with the dispatched agencies of Guangdong Province, set up a Work Safety Committee of the Cooperation Zone to strengthen the supervision and management of work safety, improve the responsibility system for work safety, perform duties related to the supervision and management of work safety, organize and carry out investigations of work safety accidents at or below the "relatively serious" level, and coordinate the resolution of major problems in the supervision and management of

work safety in a timely manner, so as to prevent and defuse major safety risks at the source.

Guangdong Province shall conduct separate assessment of work safety in the Cooperation Zone.

Chapter 4 Promoting Industrial Development

Article 28 The Cooperation Zone shall draw up an industrial development plan, develop new technologies, new industries, new business forms and new models that promote the appropriate diversification of Macao's economy, and focus on the development of scientific and technological research and development, high-end manufacturing, TCM, cultural tourism, conventions and exhibitions, commerce and trade, and modern finance.

The Cooperation Zone may cooperate with Macao's public service organizations on investment promotion.

The Cooperation Zone and Zhuhai Municipality shall establish and improve a joint investment promotion and revenue sharing mechanism, and promote the coordinated development of industries.

Article 29 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in developing urgently needed scientific and technological infrastructure, setting up major innovation platforms with resources from top research institutes at home and abroad, building technological innovation and transformation centers, and creating major state-level scientific research platforms, so as to build an important anchor for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area International Scientific and Technological Innovation Center.

Article 30 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in developing integrated circuits, electronic components, new materials, new energy, big data, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, and biomedicine.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in building a microelectronics industry chain with distinctive features, building an advanced integrated circuit testing technology and service platform, making overall arrangements for chip R&D and manufacturing projects, and building a global electronic component distribution center.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in accelerating the development of the digital economy, improving digital infrastructure, building an collaborative innovation ecosystem for artificial intelligence, carrying out application work in areas such as intelligent healthcare and intelligent driving, promoting the empowerment of the real economy and urban development by big data, artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things, and building next-generation Internet industry clusters.

Article 31 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in building TCM production bases and

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innovation hubs, developing trade in TCM services, and establishing a platform for pharmaceutical innovation, research, development and transformation with independent intellectual property rights and Chinese characteristics.

TCM products, foods and dietary supplements produced in the Cooperation Zone that have been approved and registered in Macao can use the labels "Made under the supervision of Macao", "Produced under the supervision of Macao" and "Designed in Macao".

Article 32 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in developing the big health industry such as leisure and health preservation, rehabilitation, health management, and high-end medical services.

The development and application of cutting-edge medical technologies shall be supported, and qualified medical institutions in the Cooperation Zone are encouraged to conduct clinical research on stem cells and somatic cells after filing for record with the relevant departments of the State. Medical institutions in the Cooperation Zone shall be supported in strengthening exchanges and cooperation with medical institutions in the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao that are lawfully engaged in clinical research on stem cells and somatic cells to improve their standard of and capacity for clinical research.

Article 33 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in developing cultural tourism industries such as leisure and vacation, conventions and exhibitions, stage performances, sports events, sightseeing, and yacht tourism, and building Hengqin into an international leisure and tourism island at a high level.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in promoting international tourism brands, creating "one-trip, multi-stop" high-quality tourist routes, pursuing the **trans-sectoral** integration of tourism and culture, and developing cultural and creative industries such as film and television, original art, animation and e-sports.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in hosting the International High-Quality Consumption Expo and the World Bay Area Forum.

Article 34 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in building a trading center for high-quality imported consumer goods, a China and Portuguese-speaking countries international trade center, and an international hub port for digital trade.

Article 35 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in developing banking, securities, insurance, private equity investment and other forms of finance; the innovation-driven development of modern financial industries such as wealth management, the bond market and financial leasing in the Cooperation Zone shall be supported.

The Cooperation Zone is encouraged to create a financial business environment that is in line with Hong Kong, Macao and international standards, and explore the establishment of a financial

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regulation coordination mechanism adapted to the high-level opening-up of the Cooperation Zone.

Article 36 The Cooperation Zone shall formulate policies and measures to attract high-end talents and urgently-needed talents to participate in the building of the Cooperation Zone, and give appropriate subsidies and rewards to high-level talents and major talent carriers.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in carrying out comprehensive pilot reforms of talent development systems and mechanisms, strengthening the connection with Macao's talent program, and establishing systems for talent recruitment, evaluation and motivation, and scientific research management that are in line with international rules.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in implementing more open management measures for the stay and residence of talents, and implementing a more relaxed policy for the temporary entry and exit of personnel, as well as a convenient work visa policy.

Article 37 Enterprise income tax shall be levied at a reduced rate of 15% for industrial enterprises in the Cooperation Zone that meet the conditions prescribed by the State. For qualifying capital expenditures of enterprises, one-time pre-tax deductions or accelerated depreciation and amortization are allowed in the period in which such expenditures are incurred in accordance with State regulations.

Enterprises established in the Cooperation Zone shall be exempted from enterprise income tax in accordance with State regulations for income derived from new overseas direct investment in tourism, modern service industries and high-tech industries.

Domestic and foreign high-end talents and urgently-needed talents working in the Cooperation Zone shall be exempted from the portion of their individual income tax that exceeds 15% of the taxable income in accordance with State regulations.

Macao residents working in the Cooperation Zone shall be exempted from the portion of their individual income tax that exceeds the tax burden of Macao in accordance with State regulations.

Chapter 5 Enabling Macao Residents to Live and Work Conveniently

Article 38 Efforts should be made to deeply integrate Macao's education, healthcare, social services, transportation and other livelihood, public service and social security systems into the Cooperation Zone to provide convenient conditions for Macao residents to study, work, start businesses and live in the Cooperation Zone.

Article 39 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in improving the policy on the schooling of children of Macao residents who work or live in the Cooperation Zone, establishing an educational service mechanism that connects with Macao, promoting exchanges and cooperation

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with Macao schools, and encouraging the establishment of schools and classes for the children of Macao employees in the Cooperation Zone.

The Cooperation Zone shall popularize pre-school education, vigorously develop inclusive pre-school education, strengthen the development of high-quality degrees awarded by public schools, and support the establishment of private kindergartens by non-governmental actors.

Children of Macao residents who work or live in the Cooperation Zone shall have the same rights as students with registered permanent residence in Hengqin when it comes to enrolling in schools or kindergartens.

Article 40 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in building carriers such as the Macau-Hengqin Youth Entrepreneurship Valley and the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre for Young Entrepreneurs from China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, so as to provide more innovation and entrepreneurship space for Macao youth.

The People's Government of Guangdong Province and its relevant departments shall provide policy support for Macao youth in innovation, entrepreneurship and employment in the Cooperation Zone, and secure access to the supportive policies of both Guangdong and Macao for Macao youth who make innovations, start businesses and work in the Cooperation Zone.

Article 41 In accordance with State regulations, professionals in the fields of finance, architecture, planning, design, etc. who are qualified to practice in places outside the Mainland such as Macao may have their experience working outside the Mainland regarded as their experience working on the Mainland if they provide services in the Cooperation Zone after filing for record, provided they comply with the regulatory requirements of the industry.

Efforts should be made to facilitate the practice of qualified medical personnel from Hong Kong, Macao and foreign countries in the Cooperation Zone. Qualified foreign domestic helpers can provide services to Macao residents and foreign high-end talents and urgently-needed talents in the Cooperation Zone after filing for record.

Article 42 Efforts to explore the provision of medical, educational, radio and television, film, and community services based on the Macao model in the Cooperation Zone shall be supported, so as to create a living environment that connects with Macao.

Livelihood projects such as "Macao New Neighborhood" shall be built in the Cooperation Zone to expand quality living space for Macao residents.

Article 43 Macao medical and health service providers are encouraged to set up medical institutions in the Cooperation Zone in the form of sole proprietorships, joint ventures or partnerships.

The medical institutions mentioned in the preceding paragraph may, upon approval, use on their own premises drugs and formula foods for special medical purposes that are urgently needed

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clinically and have been marketed in Macao, as well as medical apparatus and instruments that are urgently needed clinically, have been purchased and used by public hospitals in Macao, and are advanced in clinical application (except for large medical equipment).

Article 44 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in aligning with Macao's standards and norms for elderly care services, providing diversified elderly care services, and building elderly care service facilities that integrate medical and health services and elderly care services.

Article 45 The Cooperation Zone shall cooperate with its neighboring regions on regional emergency response, establish and improve an information notification system and joint emergency management mechanism, and work together with the neighboring regions on regional joint prevention and control of emergencies.

Efforts should be made to promote the joint establishment of a regional medical consortium and a regional medical center by Guangdong and Macao in the Cooperation Zone to jointly respond to public health emergencies.

Article 46 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in establishing a mechanism for cooperation with Macao on social services, and promoting the integration and development of community governance and services between the two places.

Qualified Macao social service organizations shall be supported in providing relevant social services in the Cooperation Zone in accordance with the law.

Macao residents of Chinese nationality may, in accordance with State regulations, serve as members or persons-in-charge of social organizations in the Cooperation Zone.

Chapter 6 Promoting the integrated development of Hengqin and Macao

Article 47 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in building a new integrated high-level opening-up system with Macao, promoting the efficient and convenient flow of factors, and creating a market-oriented and law-based international business environment.

Article 48 In accordance with the relevant regulations of the State, eligible goods and articles may enter the Cooperation Zone duty-free (under bond) from Macao through the "first line".

For goods entering and exiting through the "first line" between the Cooperation Zone and Macao (except for goods transiting the Cooperation Zone), records shall be kept in accordance with State regulations, and the declaration procedures and elements shall be simplified.

Article 49 Goods, articles, and means of transportation between the Cooperation Zone and the Mainland shall enter and exit through the "second line" channel.

Duty-free (bonded) goods entering the Mainland through the "second line" channel from the

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Cooperation Zone shall go through customs formalities in accordance with the relevant provisions on imported goods, and customs duties and import taxes shall be levied in accordance with the law.

Goods produced by enterprises in the Cooperation Zone that do not contain imported materials and/or parts or that contain imported materials and/or parts but have had their value increased by 30% or more by processing in the Cooperation Zone shall be exempted from import duties in accordance with State regulations when entering the Mainland through the "second line" channel.

Relevant goods entering the Cooperation Zone from the Mainland through the "second line" channel shall be regarded as exports, and VAT and consumption tax shall be refunded in accordance with the current tax policy. Export duties shall be levied on commodities subject to export duties, and customs formalities shall be completed as necessary.

Article 50 Efforts should be made to push for the launch of pilot programs on reforming and innovating the inspection and quarantine of animals, plants and products thereof in the Cooperation Zone, and explore the establishment of a simpler and optimized inspection and quarantine model.

Article 51 The Cooperation Zone shall implement the "joint boundary clearance" mode in accordance with regulations on the "first line", and enforce quarantine in accordance with the law. There shall be no restriction on the entry and exit of persons on the "second line".

Efforts should be made to promote information exchange, mutual assistance in law enforcement, and mutual recognition of supervision at the port between Hengqin and Macao on a larger scale and at a deeper level, and comprehensively facilitate customs clearance.

Eligible Macao motor vehicles shall be allowed to enter the Cooperation Zone without the need to give a guarantee. Macao residents who have obtained a Macao motor vehicle driver's license shall be allowed to drive motor vehicles permitted by their driver's licenses in the Cooperation Zone.

Article 52 The Cooperation Zone shall implement a more open policy on the entry and exit of persons, and create more convenient conditions for both domestic and foreign personnel to enter and exit the Cooperation Zone. The visa authority set up at Hengqin Port shall facilitate port visa processing for foreigners to enter the Cooperation Zone.

The exit and entry administration of the public security organ of the Cooperation Zone may accept, approve, issue and produce visas and residence permits for foreigners. A business and talent endorsement filing system shall be implemented for qualified personnel from the Mainland who work in enterprises, higher education institutions and scientific research institutions in the Cooperation Zone.

Article 53 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in establishing a highly convenient market

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access system, implementing special measures for relaxing market access in the Cooperation Zone in accordance with State regulations, and relaxing restrictions such as qualification requirements, shareholding percentages and industry access for all types of investors to invest and trade in the Cooperation Zone. The Cooperation Zone shall simplify the government service process, further integrate examination and approval resources, improve examination and approval efficiency, and reduce examination and approval costs.

The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in expanding the function of the single window for international trade, improve the efficiency of customs clearance of goods, and facilitate cross-border trade.

The Cooperation Zone shall implement cross-border unified processing of commercial registration applications in cooperation with Macao and promote the establishment of a mechanism for sharing and exchanging commercial registration information with Macao.

Article 54 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in establishing an account management system that is appropriate to its development, promoting the free and convenient flow of funds between the Cooperation Zone and Macao, and establishing a cross-border investment and financing management system that is adapted to the needs of high-level trade and investment liberalization and facilitation.

Insurers in the Cooperation Zone and Macao are encouraged to jointly develop cross-border insurance products and provide cross-border insurance services.

Article 55 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in carrying out a pilot project on managing the security of cross-border data transmission under the framework of the national security management system for cross-border data transmission, and building a green channel for fixed-line Internet access.

Relevant higher education institutions and scientific research institutions in the Cooperation Zone and Macao shall be supported in realizing cross-border connectivity of scientific research data in accordance with the law on **the precondition** of ensuring the security of personal information and important data.

Chapter 7 Rule-of-Law Safeguards

Article 56 The Cooperation Zone shall be supported in accelerating the expansion of **institutional** opening-up based on rules, regulations, management and standards, and gradually building an institutional system that aligns civil and commercial rules with Macao and international standards.

Article 57 The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and the dispatched agencies of Guangdong Province may, based on the needs of reform and development, and upon approval by

the Management Committee of the Cooperation Zone, propose to the People's Congress of Guangdong Province and its Standing Committee to enact regulations, or to the People's Congress of Zhuhai Municipality and its Standing Committee to enact regulations on special economic zones for implementation in the Cooperation Zone.

Article 58 The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and the dispatched agencies of Guangdong Province may, based on the needs of reform and development, propose to the Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Guangdong Province and the People's Government of Guangdong Province to temporarily adjust or suspend the application of relevant local regulations and government rules of Guangdong Province in the Cooperation Zone.

Where the relevant provisions in the local regulations and government rules of Zhuhai Municipality are not suitable for the development of the Cooperation Zone, the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone and the dispatched agencies of Guangdong Province may propose to adjust or stop the application of such provisions in the Cooperation Zone. The Standing Committee of the Zhuhai Municipal People's Congress and the Zhuhai Municipal People's Government shall support the proposal and handle the matter in accordance with the procedures.

Article 59 A comprehensive law enforcement system shall be established in the Cooperation Zone. Upon approval by the People's Government of Guangdong Province, the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone may, within the scope of its functions and powers, designate a working body to exercise the power of administrative punishment in a relatively centralized manner and shall make it known to the public.

The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone may, in light of the needs of reform and innovation practice in the Cooperation Zone, formulate benchmarks for administrative discretion to standardize the exercise of administrative discretion.

Administrative law enforcement personnel in the Cooperation Zone shall carry their administrative law enforcement certificates of the People's Republic of China when carrying out administrative law enforcement work. The issuance and management of administrative law enforcement certificates shall be effectuated in accordance with the relevant regulations of the State and Guangdong Province, and the specific work shall be organized and implemented by the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone.

Article 60 Where the unit or individual concerned is dissatisfied with the administrative act made by a working body of the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone or the working body of a dispatched agency of the People's Government of Guangdong Province, the unit or individual may apply for administrative reconsideration to the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone or the dispatched agency of the People's Government of Guangdong Province.

Where the unit or individual concerned is dissatisfied with the administrative act made by the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone or its working body, or a dispatched agency of the

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People's Government of Guangdong Province or its working body, the unit or individual may file an administrative lawsuit with the people's court in accordance with the law.

Article 61 Judicial exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao shall be strengthened. Efforts should be made to promote the establishment and improvement of a diversified commercial dispute resolution mechanisms such as international commercial adjudication, arbitration and mediation in the Cooperation Zone.

Arbitration institutions in the Cooperation Zone are encouraged to draw on the advanced management systems and management modes of international commercial arbitration institutions, establish an internationally accepted commercial arbitration mechanism, and build a platform for cooperation between Hengqin and Macao in arbitration.

The conduct of international commercial mediation in the Cooperation Zone in accordance with the law shall be encouraged. Where a commercial mediation agreement with payment content has been notarized and made enforceable in accordance with the law or judicially confirmed by the people's court, the party concerned may apply to the people's court for enforcement.

Article 62 Efforts should be made to promote the integration and development of attorney, notary, legal aid, and other legal services between Guangdong Province and Macao. Efforts should be made to accelerate the building of a Hengqin-Macao international legal services cluster and optimize foreign-related legal services. The establishment of lawyers' associations in the Cooperation Zone shall be supported to strengthen the management of the legal profession.

Persons who have obtained a lawyer's license (Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area) may, in accordance with state regulations, handle civil and commercial legal affairs (including litigation and non-litigation practice) within the Cooperation Zone to which the laws of the Mainland are applicable.

Notarized documents in the field of civil and commercial affairs issued by a notarial institution in Macao or by a China-appointed notary public (Macao) may be used in the Cooperation Zone in accordance with State regulations.

Where a Macao resident applies for legal aid in the Cooperation Zone, the legal aid institutions may verify the applicant's financial status in accordance with Macao's relevant regulations on the conditions and scope of judicial aid.

Article 63 Foreign law ascertainment service institutions shall be established in the Cooperation Zone in accordance with the law to provide services in connection with the ascertainment of foreign law including the law of Macao and Portuguese-speaking countries (regions).

Article 64 The Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone shall strengthen the supervision of market entities' production and business activities, improve the system for the supervision of market entities' credit, and establish systems for publicizing market entities' credit information

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and evaluating their credit.

Article 65 The Cooperation Zone shall establish a security risk warning, prevention and control system to prevent and resolve major risks.

The Cooperation Zone shall strengthen anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing, anti-tax evasion and anti-illegal fundraising supervision, and carry out joint port inspection and market entry supervision for prohibited, restricted, controlled and high-risk commodities in accordance with the law. The relevant departments of Guangdong Province shall strengthen the supervision and inspection of the implementation of fiscal, taxation and financial policies in the Cooperation Zone.

The dispatched agencies of Guangdong Province, together with the relevant agencies of the Central Government in Guangdong and the Executive Committee of the Cooperation Zone, shall establish a working mechanism for the comprehensive management of anti-smuggling efforts in which everyone does the work assigned to them while cooperating with each other. Customs, border inspection, public security and other departments shall use a combination of inspection, verification, investigation, the suppression of smuggling and other supervisory means to crack down on smuggling and other illegal and criminal activities in accordance with the law.

Chapter 8 Supplementary Provisions

Article 66 These Regulations shall come into force on March 1, 2023.