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With reference to Practice Direction 5.5 issued on 1 December 2017, official neutral citations are being used by the Judiciary for all Hong Kong judgments delivered since 1 January 2018. This is to follow the practice in UK, that neutral citations were introduced in 2001 for judgments from all divisions of the High Court and are independent of any printed series of law reports. Instead, the abbreviation indicates the court in which a case was heard and the number indicates its case number. In Hong Kong, the citation format is as below:

[Year] Court Abbreviation Number (e.g. [2018] HKCFA 8)

NB:
Year refers to the year of the written delivery of judgment;
Court abbreviation stands for the court in which the case was heard;
Number indicates the running number starting from 1

This update is important for submission of authorities, therefore students and legal practitioners should be aware of the changes. It also makes it easier to find a judgment in online sources. Moreover, the commonly used referencing style, OSCOLA, which is often used by legal scholars, stipulates that the neutral citation comes before any citation for a printed law report series.

For more information, please refer to Practice Direction 5.5
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STATUS ICONS
For cases in Westlaw Asia

STATUS ICONS INDICATE THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CASE.
(AVAILABLE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES)

️ Decision received positive/neutral judicial consideration. Good law.
️️ Decision reversed/recovered. No longer good law.
⚠ Mixed or Mildly negative judicial treatment.

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SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST
SING TAO DAILY
THE STANDARD

# No plural/ equivalents

TRY TYPING # IN FRONT OF A PARTICULAR TERM, WESTLAW WILL TURN OFF PLURALS OF THAT TERM

E.G.
Type "#device" to get search results containing only DEVICE, but NOT DEVICES

% Documents not containing the term or terms following the % symbol

TRY TYPING %, WESTLAW WILL GIVE YOU DOCUMENTS CONTAINING OTHER TERMS BUT NOT THE TERM OR TERMS FOLLOWING %

E.G.
Type "Taxation % income" to get search results containing only TAXATION but NOT income
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