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Mainland simplifies health declaration code for cross-border travel

Mainland China's General Administration of Customs has begun using a simplified health declaration code, commonly known as the "black code", for cross-border entries and exits. For Hong Kong and Macao, the number of items to be declared by individuals travelling between the mainland and the two SARs has been reduced from 11 to nine. What's more, travellers are now able to make declarations using their mobile phones as well as at border ports. ([China Daily](#))

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Guangdong issues guidebook for foreign investors

The [Invest Guangdong 2023](#) guidebook, compiled by the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province, has been officially released online. The guidebook details Guangdong's business environment, key industries, investment policies and incentives with the aim of facilitating foreign investment in the province. It also offers details of the support services available to foreign investors. ([GD Today](#))

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Mainland raises ceiling for entrepreneurship guaranteed loans

To further boost entrepreneurship in the mainland, the ceiling for guaranteed loans for start-ups has been raised while loan conditions for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) have been relaxed. Specifically, the ceiling for entrepreneurship guaranteed loans for individuals has been lifted from Rmb200,000 to Rmb300,000, while that for MSEs has been raised from Rmb3 million to Rmb4 million. ([CCTV News](#); in Chinese only)

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Guangdong speeds up customs clearance for foreign trade

Guangdong Province has announced a slew of measures to enhance the efficiency of customs clearance in a bid to facilitate cross-border trade. For example, the approval time for biological samples required for scientific research cooperation projects is being reduced from 20 working days to less than 10 working days. ([GD Today](#))

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New logistics park to boost trade

Phase 1 of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Logistics Park in Zhuhai has opened for operation. The park will leverage its advantageous location to collaborate with ports connecting with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to boost the efficiency of customs clearance for goods and merchandise, which in turn will help to promote trade between Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macao.

([Nanfang Daily](#); in Chinese only)