

**Forty-fourth Meeting of
the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee**

***Agenda Item 4(b): Report on the work of the
Food Business and Related Services Task Force***

Purpose

This paper reports on the work progress of the Food Business and Related Services Task Force (FRSTF) since the last Business Facilitation Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting on 7 October 2020.

Work Progress of FRSTF

Revision to Bakery Licence Requirement for Licensed Restaurants

2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has reviewed and revised the licensing policy of requiring licensed light refreshment restaurants to obtain a separate bakery licence. A number of facilitation measures have also been formulated. The FEHD briefed FRSTF the facilitation measures in the meeting on 9 December 2020. For licensing policy, a light refreshment restaurant with permission to prepare and sell bakery products is not required to obtain a separate bakery licence if the bakery products are for consumption by consumers on the premises. In terms of processing applications, the FEHD is considering adopting a facilitating approach to process applications for the two licences on the same premises concurrently. In respect of licensing requirements, shared use of sanitary fittings for staff and ventilating system (except for the kitchen where an independent ventilating system is required) is allowed for a licensed restaurant and the related bakery on the same premises.

3. FRSTF welcomed the revised licensing requirements and facilitation measures which addressed the trade's concern and reduced the trade's administrative burden and compliance cost.

Less-salt-and-sugar Restaurants Scheme

4. To foster the less-salt-and-sugar dietary culture, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) briefed members and encouraged the trade to join the Less-salt-and-sugar Restaurants Scheme and the Less Sugar Friday Campaign which were launched in January 2019 and August 2020 respectively. Discussion areas included the way to join and promotion channels.

5. FRSTF thanked FHB for the briefing and appreciated the bureau's effort in promoting the reduction in intake of salt and sugar in food.

Way Forward

6. Members are invited to note the work progress of FRSTF. FRSTF will continue to monitor the development of the above issues.

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