

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

***Agenda Item 3(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 20 May 2021.

Work Progress of the FRSTF

Revised Fire Safety Requirements for Emergency Lighting Systems for Catering Premises

2. In the meeting on 25 August 2021, the Fire Services Department (FSD) briefed the FRSTF on the revised Requirements for Self-contained Luminaires Emergency Lighting Systems [PPA/104(A)(5th Revision)], including minimum fire resisting cable requirements for fire service installations as specified in FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2017, routine inspection and test for emergency lighting systems conforming to relevant requirements of BS EN 50172: 2004, and minimum period of 2-hour (rated duration) specified for self-contained luminaires emergency lighting systems. The revised requirements will be implemented on 1 June 2022.

3. The FRSTF appreciated the FSD's efforts in elaborating the key points of the revised requirements prior to the implementation. This would assist the trade in understanding and complying with the requirements.

Occupational Safety and Health Law related to Notification of Workplaces, Drainage and Maintenance of Floors and Guarding of Machinery in Catering Premises

4. The Labour Department (LD) briefed the FRSTF on the occupational safety and health laws and requirements related to catering premises, namely notification of workplaces by the proprietor according to the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59), drainage and maintenance of floors in accordance with the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Regulations (Cap. 59A) and guarding of machinery as stipulated in the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Guarding and Operation of Machinery) Regulations (Cap. 59Q).

5. The FRSTF thanked the LD for the briefing and suggested enhancing the publicity of the statutory requirements, streamlining the procedures for submission of notification of workplaces and digitising the notification records in order to facilitate the trade's compliance with the requirements and search of records.

Public Consultation on the Scheme on Regulation of Disposable Plastic Tableware

6. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) briefed the FRSTF about the consultation paper on the Scheme on Regulation of Disposable Plastic Tableware ("Regulation Scheme"). The two-month public consultation ended on 8 September 2021.

7. The Regulation Scheme is proposed to be implemented in two phases. In Phase 1, provision of disposable polystyrene (EPS) tableware by catering premises is banned; regarding disposable plastic tableware, provision for dine-in services and provision of straws, stirrers, forks, knives, spoons and plates, etc. for takeaway services are banned. In Phase 2, regulation of takeaway services will be in the same manner as dine-in services. Phase 1 of the Regulation Scheme is expected to be implemented in around 2025. The launch date of Phase 2 will be determined upon review of the implementation in Phase 1.

8. The FRSTF thanked the EPD for the briefing and appreciated the department's effort in listening and addressing the trade's concern.

Way Forward

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

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