

**Forty-eighth 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 22 February 2022.

**Work Progress of the FRSTF**

***Report on Labour Department's Follow Up Actions on Statutory Requirement of "Notification of Workplace"***

2. In response to the FRSTF's suggestions to the Labour Department (LD) on the statutory requirement of "Notification of Workplace" raised at its meeting in December 2021, the FRSTF Secretariat has taken follow up actions with LD. In the meeting on 27 April 2022, the Secretariat reported to the FRSTF the progress of LD's follow up actions, namely the provision of one-stop submission service for food business licence application and "Notification of Workplace" via the website of "Business Licence Information Service of Support and Consultation Centre for SMEs" of the Trade and Industry Department. LD has also stepped up the publicity of the statutory notification requirements to facilitate trade compliance. In addition, the trade may contact LD district offices to enquire the notification record regarding their respective premises. LD advised that food business operators who have not yet submitted notifications should do so as soon as practicable. The FRSTF thanked LD and the Secretariat for the follow up work.

***Online Services for Liquor Licences/Club Liquor Licences***

3. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) briefed the FRSTF on the new functions of the enhanced "Online Licensing Services" system to further facilitate online submission of applications related to liquor licences/club liquor licences. The enhanced system provides new functions to assist applicants to fill in the required information more easily. It also integrates with the "iAM Smart" mobile app to enable "iAM Smart" users to use a single digital identity to sign up and log in to the system. Users with

an account upgraded to “iAM Smart+” can even sign the relevant applications digitally straight away and submit them online.

4. The FRSTF welcomed the Department’s committed efforts for enhancing the electronic licensing services, and recommended strengthening the publicity to keep food business operators better informed so that they can make use of the service.

### **Way Forward**

5. 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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