

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

***Agenda Item 3(c): Report on the work of the
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups***

Purpose

This paper reports the work of the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups (BLGTF) since the last Business Facilitation Advisory Committee meeting on 22 February 2022.

Work progress of the BLGTF

Overall progress of Business Liaison Groups

2. Since the last meeting, we have conducted one Business Liaison Group (BLG) meeting and proactively liaised with the trade under six BLGs. A total of 15 issues were satisfactorily resolved or clarified, and two information dissemination sessions on business facilitation were conducted by the relevant departments as arranged by the BLG Secretariat.

3. To enhance communication with the trade, we continue to provide various channels including an online form for the trade to share their views on licensing and regulatory regime. Summaries of the views collected and the Government responses are uploaded onto the Business Facilitation Initiatives website on a regular basis. Salient issues and examples have been presented in the 30th meeting of the BLGTF.

Extend the Streamlining Measures for Renewal of Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licences to Cover Other Premises

4. In accordance with the requirements of the Places of Public Entertainment Regulations (Cap. 172), if a Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence (TPPEL) application involves temporary structures, the validity period of the licence issued will be limited to one month. To facilitate theme parks and other attractions in organising temporary public entertainment activities involving temporary structures lasting for more than one month, the Fire Services Department (FSD), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and Buildings Department (BD) briefed

members at the 26th and 27th meetings respectively on the streamlining measures for this type of application. BLGTF members suggested extending the streamlined arrangements to similar TPPEL applications for other premises by relevant departments at the 27th meeting.

5. FEHD, FSD and BD briefed the BLGTF at the meeting of 9 June 2022 on the streamlined arrangements which have already been extended to cover similar TPPEL applications from other premises. These include FEHD allowing the applicants to submit only one application form for applying for new issue and two consecutive renewals of TPPEL to cover a temporary public entertainment activity involving temporary structures of a period lasting for no more than three months. FEHD will issue the renewed licences to the applicants every month as appropriate. Furthermore, if the layout and all other details (including the temporary structures) of the activity remain unchanged throughout the period concerned, FSD will grant a Fire Services Certificate with validity period covering the whole period of the temporary public entertainment activity while BD will accept a single authorised person/registered structural engineer's certification on the structural safety of the temporary structures (if applicable) covering the whole period of the activity.

6. BLGTF thanked the relevant departments for implementing the business facilitation measures which will reduce the relevant operational cost and administrative burden of the trade operators.

Way forward

7. Members are invited to note the work progress of the BLGTF. BLGTF will continue to oversee and monitor the work progress of the BLGs.

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