

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups**

***Measure to Facilitate the Renewal for
Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licences by
Adopting a Pragmatic Approach in Granting the Validity Period of
Fire Services Certificates in Theme Parks and Attractions***

Purpose

This paper briefs members on the measure to facilitate the renewal for Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence (TPPEL) involving temporary structures in theme parks and attractions.

Background

2. In accordance with the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172), an operator is required to apply for a TPPEL from the licensing authority, viz. Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, for holding a public entertainment event on a temporary basis. Under the relevant legislative requirement, the licensing authority will not grant any TPPEL until the applicant has complied with, among others, all fire safety requirements (FSR) imposed by the Director of Fire Services. Upon receiving the report of compliance for the FSR from the applicant, FSD will arrange a compliance inspection. After the compliance inspection, if the relevant FSR are found fully complied with, a FSC would be issued to the applicant. Given that temporary structure(s) is/are involved in the event, no TPPEL will be issued for a longer period than one month by the licensing authority. In such cases, the operator would be required to apply for renewal of the TPPEL on a monthly basis for events lasting for more than a month.

Trade's Concern

3. Trade operators conducting temporary public entertainment events would like to have more streamlined and expeditious procedures in

processing their TPPEL renewal applications with a view to meeting their operational need.

Administration's Response

4. In view that many seasonal events last for more than one month, with a view to facilitating the trade operators in the renewal of TPPEL, FSD has adopted a pragmatic approach in granting the validity period of FSC for TPPEL involving temporary structures in theme parks and attractions. Provided that the layout and all other details of the event remain unchanged throughout the event period, a FSC with a validity period covering the whole event period will be granted.

5. Under this facilitating measure, the trade could benefit from the saving of operational cost induced from obtaining a fresh FSC monthly for licence renewal. In addition, it could also relieve the trade's administration burden in arranging a compliance inspection for the same event on a monthly basis.

Way Forward

6. Members are invited to note the content of the paper and offer comments, if any.

**Fire Services Department
December 2020**