

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

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

Purpose

This paper reports to members on the extension of streamlining measures to facilitate renewal of Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licences (TPPEL) to cover other premises.

Background

2. In accordance with the requirements of the Places of Public Entertainment Regulations (Cap. 172), if a 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) briefed members at the 26th meeting on its new facilitation measure, that is, granting a Fire Services Certificate with validity period covering the whole period of the temporary public entertainment activity on condition that the layout and all other details of the activity remain unchanged throughout the period for the TPPEL application concerned. The measure has been implemented since the third quarter of 2020. Thereafter, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and Buildings Department (BD) have briefed members at the 27th meeting their further streamlining measures for this type of application, including FEHD to allow the applicants to submit only one application form for applying for multiple TPPELs covering the whole period of the temporary public entertainment activity, and BD to 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 provided that there is no change to the event layout and associated temporary structures.

Trade's Concern

3. Members welcomed the above facilitation measures and suggested extending the streamlined arrangements to similar TPPEL applications for other premises by relevant departments.

Administration's Response

4. In response to the suggestion, FEHD, BD and FSD agreed after thorough discussion that the above streamlined arrangements could be extended to cover similar TPPEL applications from other premises (such as shopping malls). Furthermore, FEHD has also further refined its business facilitation measure, that is, 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, and FEHD will issue the renewed licences to the applicants every month as appropriate. FEHD will review the measure after its implementation and consider the feasibility of extending the above arrangement to cover temporary public entertainment activity of a longer period (such as up to six months). The above measures have been implemented since April 2022.

5. It is expected that the operational cost and administrative burden of the trade operators in applying for renewal of TPPEL where temporary structures are involved will be lowered after the streamlined arrangements are implemented, thus further facilitating the trade.

Way Forward

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

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Buildings Department
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