

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Food Business and Related Services Task Force**

***Revised Licensing Condition of
Temporary Food Factory Licence on Requirements for
Eating and Drinking Utensils***

Purpose

This paper briefs members on the revision to the licensing condition of the temporary food factory licence (TFFL) on requirements for eating and drinking utensils put forward by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).

Background

2. A TFFL under the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X) must be obtained from the FEHD for a food business of short duration which involves the operation of a stall/kiosk of a temporary nature for heating up and sale of pre-cooked food for consumption off the premises in conjunction with a public function (e.g. Lunar New Year fairs and carnivals). Since temporary stalls generally lack suitable facilities for carrying out scullery work in a clean and hygienic manner, for the sake of food safety and environmental hygiene, the licensing conditions of the TFFL require that no scullery work shall be carried out on the premises, and only clean new wrapping materials and disposable eating and drinking utensils shall be used in the sale of takeaway foods on the premises. In addition, food containers shall be made of materials which will not release toxic chemicals into food as a result of changes in temperature or acidity in the food.

3. Recently, some organisers of public events provided tableware rental service for participants of the events on the spot. On the premise of not compromising food safety and environmental hygiene, the FEHD proposed to revise the licensing condition of the TFFL in respect of eating and drinking utensils for takeaway foods, so as to allow the trade greater flexibility in meeting actual operational needs.

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4. The licensing condition of the TFFL in respect of disposable eating and drinking utensils for takeaway foods has been amended by the FEHD. The licensee is now required to use clean and hygienic wrapping papers and eating and drinking utensils for takeaway foods, not just limited to clean new wrapping papers and disposable eating and drinking utensils. The revised licensing condition has come into effect in early June.

Advice Sought

5. Members are invited to note and give comments on the content of this paper.

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