

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

**Revision of the Licensing Condition on Displaying Permit Information
for Restricted Food Permit (Online Sale of Restricted Food)**

Purpose

This paper briefs members on the revision of the licensing condition on displaying permit information for the restricted food permit (online sale of restricted food) (online restricted food permit) by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).

Background

2. Under the prevailing food business licensing regime, a person selling restricted food solely through a website or an online platform account must obtain an online restricted food permit from the FEHD. One of the licensing conditions of the permit requires the permittee to indicate that the sale of the restricted food through the website or online platform account is permitted by the FEHD by clearly providing the particulars of the permit on the website, online platform account and printed promotional materials (excluding promotional materials published in the mass media), or means of access to the relevant information on printed promotional materials. The particulars required include the type of permit obtained and its permit number, the type of restricted food permitted for sale and the business address of the permitted premises. At present, permittees display the permit particulars at different locations on their websites or online platform accounts, making it difficult for the public and customers to obtain such information.

3. In order to facilitate the public and customers to locate the related information so as to identify whether the websites or online platform accounts have been issued with relevant permits and the types of restricted food permitted

for sale, the FEHD will revise the licensing condition on the display of permit information for the online restricted food permit.

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4. The FEHD plans to require online restricted food permit holders to provide the required permit information on the home page of the websites and the online platform accounts in a clear and uniform manner. To facilitate the operation of the trade, the FEHD proposes that the permittees be allowed to suitably provide means of access to the required information (e.g. hyperlink and QR codes) on the home page of the websites or the online platform accounts and the printed promotional materials. The revised licensing condition will come into effect in October 2022.

Relevant Arrangements for Other Food Business Licences / Permits

5. At this stage, the aforesaid revision will only cover the online restricted food permit. For food premises holding other food business licences or permits, if they carry out online food sale through websites or online platform accounts at the same time, as one of the licensing conditions of the licence / permit, the licensees / permittees are also required to clearly provide the particulars of the licence / permit on the website, online platform account and printed promotional materials (excluding promotional materials published in the mass media), or means of access to the relevant information on printed promotional materials. Subject to the implementation of the revision of the licensing condition for online restricted food permit as mentioned in paragraph 4 above, FEHD would proceed to arrange the same amendments for other premises holding food business licences or permits.

Advice Sought

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

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