



Annex 2

# 18<sup>th</sup> Business Liaison Group meeting for Hotels

*Revamped Business Facilitation Initiatives (BFI) website*



# BFI website revamped

More user friendly interface

**Government's Commitment to Business Facilitation**

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**Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit**

The Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit (EABFU) comes under the Financial Secretary's Office and is responsible for taking forward the business facilitation initiatives aiming to improve the business regulatory environment of Hong Kong.

This webpage provides you with an overview of the Government's initiatives on business facilitation and



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- Government's Commitment to Business Facilitation
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- Business Liaison Groups
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- Be the Smart Regulator Programme
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Business Facilitation Advisory Committee



Wholesale and Retail Task Force




Food Business and Related Services Task Force



Task Force on Business Liaison Groups



Be the Smart Regulator Programme



Business Consultation e-Platform

**Business Liaison Groups**

- Cinemas
- Theme parks
- Family amusement centres
- Food business - restaurants
- Food business - non-restaurants
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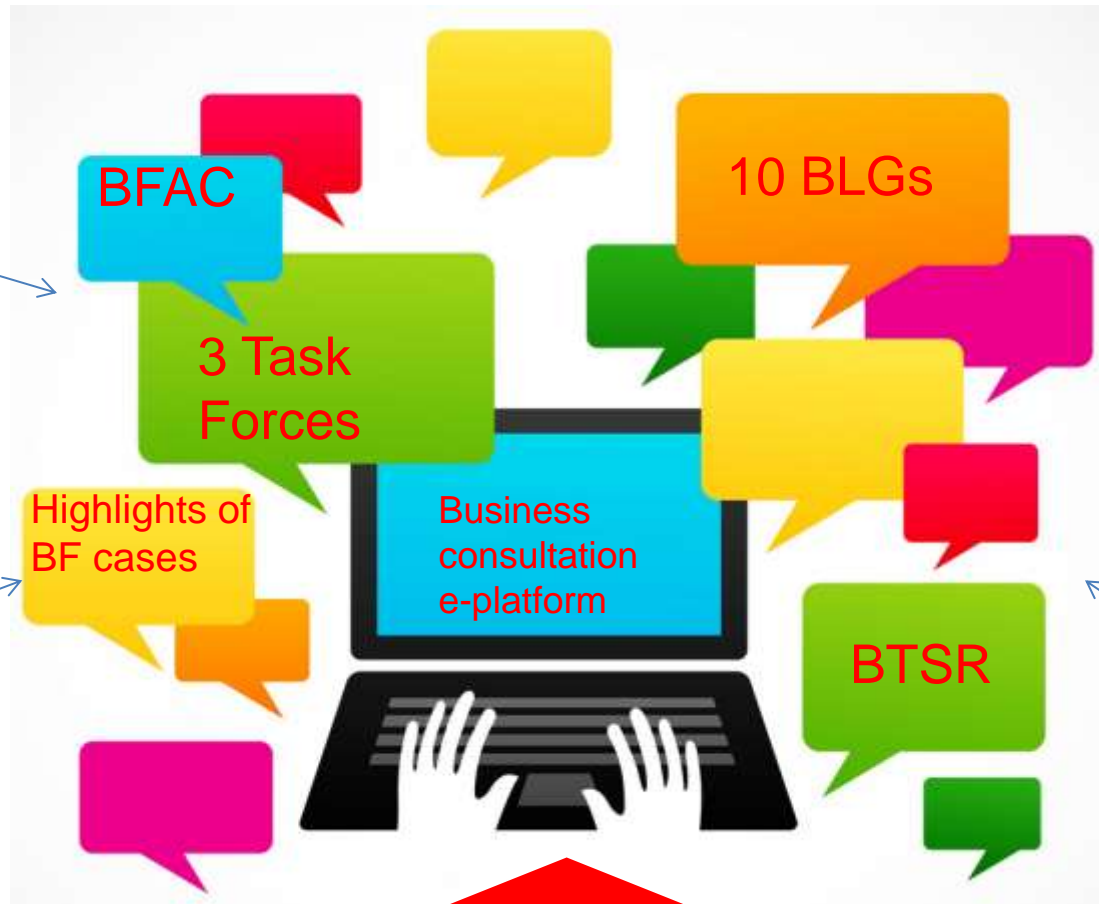
Launched in June 2014

# BFI website – the e-communication platform

## External



## Internal



Meeting notes, papers ...



# Revamped BFI – What's New



## What's New

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### BFAC and Its Task Forces

- 13.10.2014 † Papers for the 9th BLGTF meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 10.10.2014 † Papers for the 9th WRTF meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 24.7.2014 † Press release for the 23 July 2014 BFAC meeting [New](#)
- 23.7.2014 † Papers for the 26th BFAC meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 6.6.2014 † Papers for the 8th FRSTF meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 6.6.2014 † Launch of a new version of BFAC webpages for better user experience [New](#)



### Business Liaison Groups

- 15.9.2014 † Schedule of BLG meetings [New](#)
- 11.9.2014 † Notes for the 18th Food (non-restaurants) BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 11.9.2014 † Notes for the 18th Food (restaurants) BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 11.8.2014 † Notes for the 17th Theme Park BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 14.7.2014 † Notes for the 13th Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 2.7.2014 † Notes for the 17th Karaoke establishments, nightclubs, bars and other entertainment clubs BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 23.6.2014 † Notes for the 20th cinema BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 6.6.2014 † Launch of a new version of BLG webpages for better user experience [New](#)
- 20.5.2014 † Notes for the 16th family amusement centres BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 19.5.2014 † Notes for the 17th Hotel BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)
- 2.4.2014 † Notes for the 7th Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats BLG meeting uploaded [New](#)

## New information



### Business Consultation e-Platform app

#### Current Consultation Exercises

- † Risk-based Capital Framework for the Insurance Industry of Hong Kong
- † Consultation on Enhancements to Deposit Protection Scheme

#### Upcoming Consultation Exercises

- † Security of Payment Legislation for the Construction Industry
- † Business Impact Assessment (BIA) on the Implementation of the Revised Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation [DG(G)R] and Dangerous Goods (Packing, Marking & Labeling) Regulation [DG(PML)R]
- † Introduction of a Mandatory Pre-market Safety Assessment Scheme for Genetically Modified (GM) Food
- † Strengthening the Regulation of Veterinary Drug Residues in Food
- † Amendment to Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap. 132V)
- † Amendment of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549)
- † Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) for Hong Kong – Public Consultation



### Be the Smart Regulator Programme

- 29.9.2014 † Update on application for Excavation Permit [New](#)
- 1.8.2014 † [Report on the progress of the "Be the Smart Regulator" Programme – July 2014 update](#) uploaded [New](#)
- 19.6.2014 † Update of Regulatory Regime on the BTSR [New](#)

# Revamped BFI - BLGs

## Graphical interface

### Business Sectors Covered

There are now ten BLGs covering the following businesses. Please click the links below for details (including notes of BLG meetings).



Cinemas



Theme parks



Family amusement centres



Food business - restaurants



Food business - non-restaurants



Recreational clubs



Karaoke establishments, nightclubs, bars and other entertainment clubs



Hotels



Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks



Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats

<p><b>Cinemas</b></p> <p>21 Nov 2014 10:30 am - 12:00 noon</p> <p>Venue to be confirmed</p>	<p><b>Theme parks</b></p> <p>Jan 2015 (date to be confirmed)</p> <p>Venue to be confirmed</p>
<p><b>Family amusement centres</b></p> <p>7 Oct 2014 10:00 - 12:00 pm</p> <p>Room 6, G/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar</p>	<p><b>Food business - restaurants</b></p> <p>Jan 2015 (date to be confirmed)</p> <p>Venue to be confirmed</p>
<p><b>Food business - non-restaurants</b></p> <p>Jan 2015 (date to be confirmed)</p> <p>Venue to be confirmed</p>	<p><b>Recreational clubs</b></p> <p>end 2014 (date to be confirmed)</p> <p>Venue to be confirmed</p>
<p><b>Karaoke establishments, nightclubs, bars and other entertainment clubs</b></p> <p>29 Oct 2014 2:30 - 4:30pm</p> <p>Activity room 1, Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Rd., Causeway Bay, Hong Kong</p>	<p><b>Hotels</b></p> <p>23 Oct 2014 2:30 - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Room 7, G/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar</p>
<p><b>Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks</b></p> <p>7 Nov 2014 2:30 - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Idea 1 and 2, Efficiency Unit, 41/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong</p>	<p><b>Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats</b></p> <p>14 Oct 2014 2:30 - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Room IDEA 1,2&amp;3, 41/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong</p>

# Revamped BFI - Hotel BLG

## New look for BLG page

### Hotels


Home > Business Facilitation Initiatives > Business Liaison Groups > List of BLGs  
Business Sectors Covered > Hotels


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- Descriptions
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 Video: What a hotel trade participant is saying about the BLG (Cantonese version only) **New**  
Duration 2:58

 Video: What a hotel trade participant is saying about the BLG (Cantonese version only)  
Duration 2:24

Meeting	Date	Download
17	5 Mar 2014	<a href="#">Meeting notes</a> <a href="#">Annex 1</a> <a href="#">Annex 2</a>
16	18 Sep 2013	<a href="#">Meeting notes</a> <a href="#">Annex 1</a> <a href="#">Annex 2</a>
15	26 Mar 2013	<a href="#">Meeting notes</a> <a href="#">Annex 1</a> <a href="#">Annex 2</a> <a href="#">Annex 3</a> <a href="#">Annex 4</a>

Notes of the 17th Business Liaison Group Meeting  
With the Hotel Trade

Date : 5 March 2014  
Time : 2:30 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.  
Venue : Library, EABFU, 25/F, Tamar Central Government Offices

Convener: Mr CHAN Wah-chan Head, Business Facilitation Division,  
Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit

**Trade Participants**

Federation of Hong Kong Hotel Owners  
Mr Michael LI Executive Director  
Miss Fanny CHAN Association Manager



# BFI revamped – quick menu to BLGs

Easier navigation

## Business Sectors Covered

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### Introduction

Business Liaison Groups (BLGs) are formal communication between the trade and the bureaux and departments (B/Ds) concerned on licensing and regulatory matters and provided regularly. Both the government and the trade find them very useful.

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### Recreational clubs

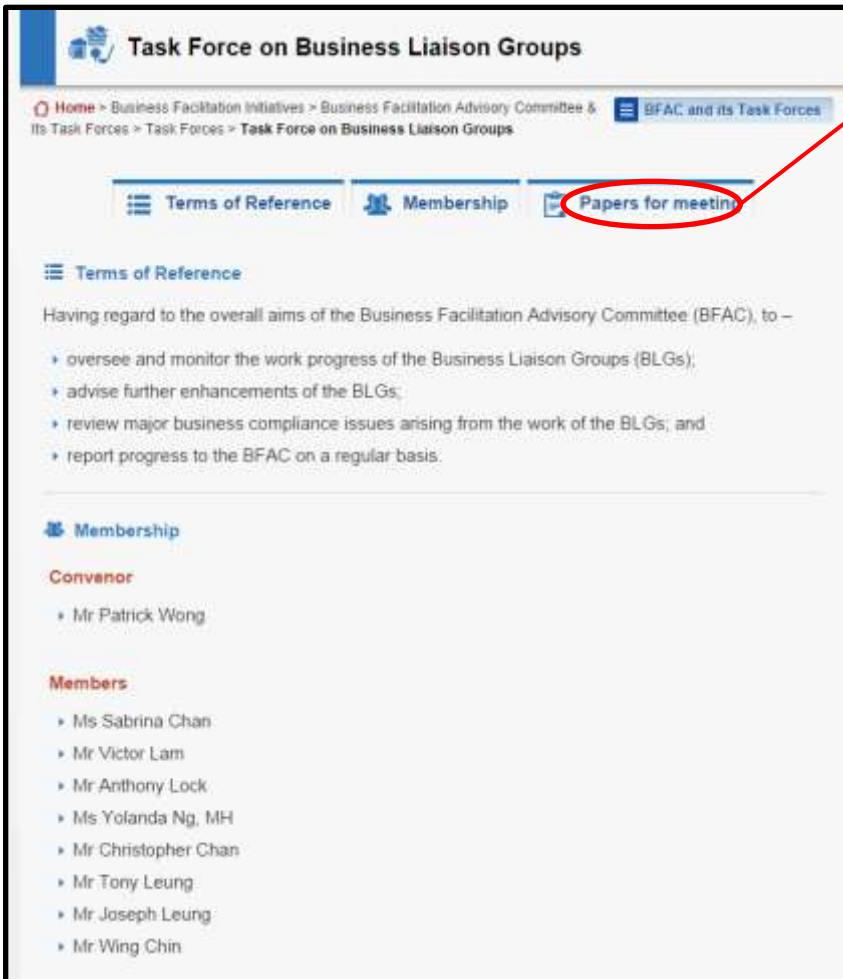
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# Revamped BFI – Task Force on BLGs

## New interface



**Task Force on Business Liaison Groups**

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Terms of Reference | Membership | **Papers for meeting**

**Terms of Reference**

Having regard to the overall aims of the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee (BFAC), to –

- oversee and monitor the work progress of the Business Liaison Groups (BLGs);
- advise further enhancements of the BLGs;
- review major business compliance issues arising from the work of the BLGs; and
- report progress to the BFAC on a regular basis.

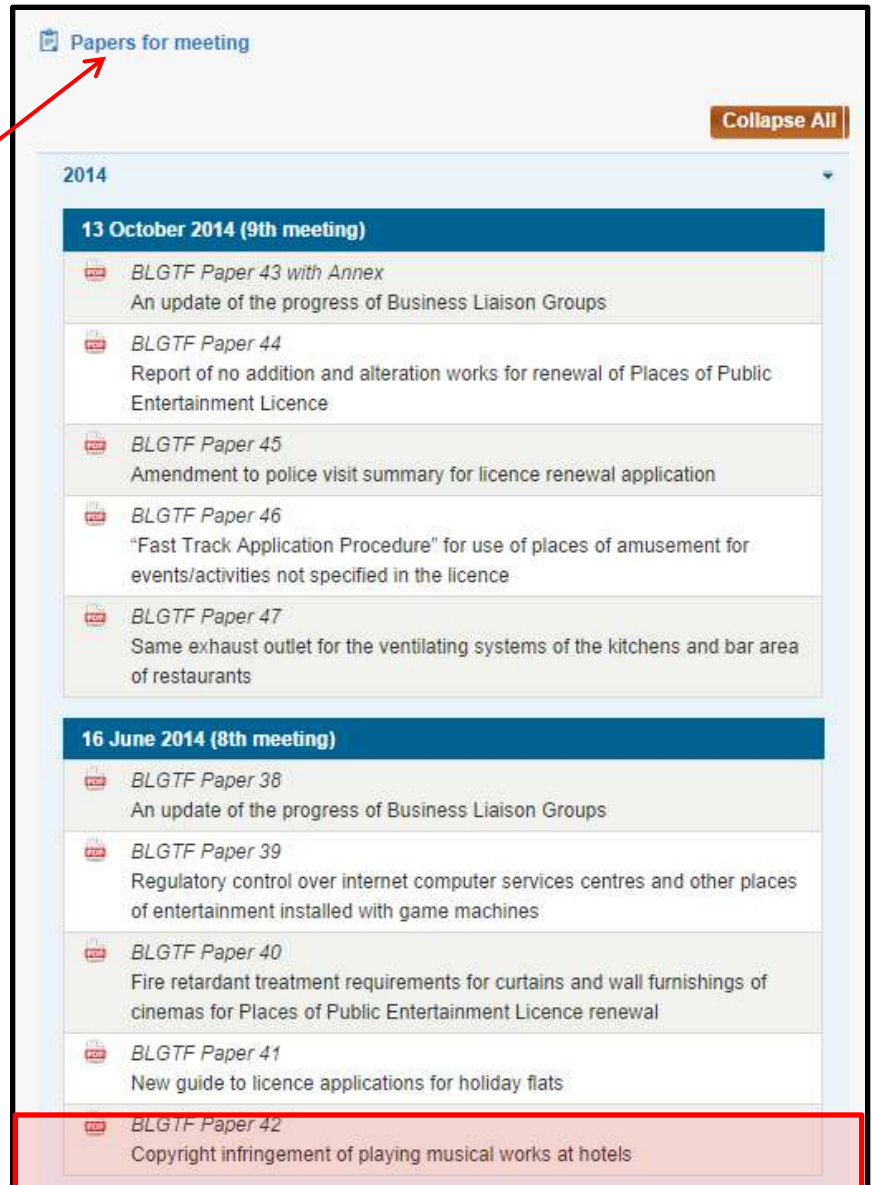
**Membership**

**Convenor**

- Mr Patrick Wong

**Members**

- Ms Sabrina Chan
- Mr Victor Lam
- Mr Anthony Lock
- Ms Yolanda Ng, MH
- Mr Christopher Chan
- Mr Tony Leung
- Mr Joseph Leung
- Mr Wing Chin



**Papers for meeting** Collapse All

2014

**13 October 2014 (9th meeting)**

- BLGTF Paper 43 with Annex**  
An update of the progress of Business Liaison Groups
- BLGTF Paper 44**  
Report of no addition and alteration works for renewal of Places of Public Entertainment Licence
- BLGTF Paper 45**  
Amendment to police visit summary for licence renewal application
- BLGTF Paper 46**  
"Fast Track Application Procedure" for use of places of amusement for events/activities not specified in the licence
- BLGTF Paper 47**  
Same exhaust outlet for the ventilating systems of the kitchens and bar area of restaurants

**16 June 2014 (8th meeting)**

- BLGTF Paper 38**  
An update of the progress of Business Liaison Groups
- BLGTF Paper 39**  
Regulatory control over internet computer services centres and other places of entertainment installed with game machines
- BLGTF Paper 40**  
Fire retardant treatment requirements for curtains and wall furnishings of cinemas for Places of Public Entertainment Licence renewal
- BLGTF Paper 41**  
New guide to licence applications for holiday flats
- BLGTF Paper 42**  
Copyright infringement of playing musical works at hotels



# Revamped BFI – Highlights of Business Facilitation Cases

## BF measures in hotel licensing

### Highlights of Business Facilitation Cases

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- Unlocking potential business facilitation initiatives [Home](#)
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- Shorter waiting time for liquor licensing appeals Lower business risk for bar operators [Home](#)
- "Fast Track Application Process" to facilitate business
- Highlights of the Government's business facilitation work and business consultations relevant the retail sector (Spring 2013)
- Strengthening smart regulation infrastructure helps sustain business environment
- Business facilitation to help the retail sector maintain its competitive edge
- Live cinema broadcast: up close and personal experience
- Wholesale and Retail Task Force Strives to Maintain Hong Kong's Competitiveness
- Government-food business partnership to make Hong Kong a better place for doing business (Chinese version only)
- Business facilitation brings new looks to restaurants
- Being a smarter regulator
- Government-business Partnership to Make Hong Kong a Better Place for Doing Business
- "Can do" spirit makes e-Registry come true
- Business facilitation opens up delicious opportunities
- Going Green Together
- Sustaining a vibrant and business-friendly environment
- Cultivating a business facilitation culture
- Creativity Knows No Boundary at Hong Kong Theme Parks
- "Smart Regulators" to Help Business Sitay on Top
- Shaping the property development environment together
- Hotpot Scene: Warming up with Ease (Chinese version only)
- Clearing up to Consolidate HK's International Shipping Centre Status
- Soccer Action Hits the Silver Screen
- Provisional Licensing Scheme: A Brighter Picture for Hong Kong Movie Lovers
- Behind the entertainment scene: BLG drives communication
- Process streamlining opens up new opportunities for family amusement centres. (Chinese version only)
- Business facilitation helps shaping the food paradise (Chinese version only)
- Flexible approach in regulating food business (non-restaurants) (Chinese version only)
- Streamlined Operation Approval Process Enhances Restaurant Quality
- Private Recreation Clubs Fast-Track Through Dialogues with Government
- Creative Streamlining Enables Smoother Hotel Operation**

### Creative Streamlining Enables Smoother Hotel Operation

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#### Streamlined Licence Applications

To start business, hotels in Hong Kong have to obtain several dozens of different licences. Since some of the licences are not specially designed for the hotel industry, some of the licensing requirements of these licences do not align with hotel operation, and some of the uniqueness of the hotel industry is not taken into account in the application procedures. Sometimes the trade is also confused by the ambiguities in certain licensing regulations and application procedures.

To create a better business environment for the industry, concerned government departments have implemented various measures to streamline the application and processing procedures for various hotel-related licences. HAD and Fire Services Department (FSD) for example, have introduced the Business Facilitation Officer system as a response to the views raised by the trade. FSD has also enhanced the transparency in the inspection system.

#### Relaxed Regulations and Simplified Procedures

In the past, hotels were required to submit their layout plans and other relevant information to FSD via HAD when applying for the installation of ventilation system. After the completion of the installation, the applicant was required to notify HAD. HAD would then notify FSD. FSD would send inspection officer for on-field inspection within 21 working days after receiving the notification and the installation layout plan from HAD. There were delays in document transferrals between the departments occasionally. Having considered the trade's comments on the issue at the BLG meetings, HAD and FSD have simplified the procedures by allowing applicants to submit a certificate of completion for ventilation system directly to FSD with a copy sent to HAD. The application time is thus shortened.

#### Requirements of Regulations Clarified

Besides the promotion of the above mentioned measures, there are discussions on the regulatory issues relevant to the trade at the BLG meetings. There were clarifications on issues such as

# Trade's website link to BFI

FHKHO posted the link directing to the BF article on its webpage

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