

Regulatory Control on Disposal of Waste Cooking Oils from Licensed Food Premises in Hotels

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Administrative Measures

- * Prior to the proposed legislative amendment of Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap.354), FEHD, in collaboration with EPD, will implement administrative measures to regulate the recycling of waste cooking oil (“WCO”) to ensure that such oils upon disposal should not be used as ingredients for edible oils.

New WCO Licensing Condition

- * FEHD will impose an additional licensing condition on food premises operating under a licence for a (1) restaurant, (2) factory canteen, (3) food factory and (4) bakery, requiring the licensees to hand over their WCO to a collector, processor or exporter registered by EPD for disposal and records should be properly kept for at least 12 months.

New WCO Licensing Condition (Cont'd)

“The licensee shall **not be in breach** of this condition under one or more of the following circumstances –

(i) small quantities of **WCO** which are already mixed with other kitchen waste and cannot be separated, are **disposed of together with the kitchen waste** ;

(ii) small quantities of **grease trap waste** are **removed manually** from grease trap(s) by scooping, **put into watertight plastic bags/containers, sealed tightly and disposed of together with other kitchen waste** ; and

(iii) **waste water** with WCO is **discharged directly to a centralised/communal grease trap not exclusively used by the food premises**, where a plan indicating the location of the grease trap and a confirmation letter signed by the property management or the owner of the grease trap certifying that the facility is for communal use of the building, together with an acknowledgement undertaking the maintenance and cleansing responsibility thereof, shall be submitted to the Director for retention.”

Grace Period

- * FEHD will give the trade a grace period of 15 months before enforcement action on non-compliance of the licensing condition.
- * During the grace period, FEHD will launch a **3-month education phase** to encourage the licensees/tenants to comply with the new licensing condition/tenancy clause during routine inspections and relevant seminars/talks, Application Vetting Panel meetings organized by FEHD, followed by **12-month advisory phase** to check compliance of the condition (including record keeping).



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