

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

Licensing enquiry service for large scale and complex projects in theme parks

Background

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has been authorized by the Secretary for Home Affairs, the Licensing Authority of Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (PPEO) (Cap. 172), to issue or cancel any Places of Public Entertainment Licence (PPEL) or exercise any other function relating to the licensing matters under the PPEO. FEHD provides one-stop-shop licensing service to coordinate the processing of applications for PPEL and/or permission for alteration/addition to places of public entertainment in respect of theme parks.

Trade's Concern

2. At a Business Liaison Group meeting for theme parks, the trade raised their concern that theme parks would have new development to introduce a number of novel facilities from time to time in order to keep their attractiveness. Some of the new facilities might fall within the licensing regime under different regulations. The operators might have enquiries about the types of licence/permission required and the related licensing requirements.

Government's Response

3. In response, FEHD clarified that in planning for a new large scale and complex development project, the theme park concerned would normally appoint professional and/or licensing consultant to take charge

of the project. The consultant would provide advice on the design, proposed layout, licence applications and other technical issues of the development.

4. For submission of applications for licence/permission under PPEO and/or licences under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap.132), the theme park and their consultant may approach the respective Licensing Office of FEHD. FEHD will have meetings with them and offer appropriate advice for licensing matters.

Way Forward

5. Members are invited to note the above measure and offer comments, if any.

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