

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

***Reducing the trade's administrative burden
on applications for temporary food factory licences***

Background

A temporary food factory licence (TFFL) must be obtained from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) for the food business which involves the operation of a stall/kiosk of temporary nature for heating up and sale of pre-cooked food for consumption off the premises in conjunction with a public function (e.g. exhibitions, shows, sports competitions, concerts, etc.) of short duration before commencement of such business. Under the Food Business Regulation (Cap 132X), the validity period of a TFFL will not exceed seven days.

Trade's Concern

2. At a recent Business Liaison Group meeting for theme parks and attractions, the trade remarked that some of their facilities were temporary structures built on sites leased on short term tenancy that might last for one year. The trade raised the concern that as the validity period for a TFFL was at most seven days, great administrative burden would be incurred in repeated applications for the licences during the tenancy period.

Government's Response

3. In response, FEHD has advised that while the validity period of a TFFL cannot exceed seven days under the law, the department will accept applications for consecutive TFFLs at the same premises in connection with the same event. An applicant needs to submit only one application for TFFLs and specify in the application form (FEHB 201) the consecutive periods of time. FEHD may issue multiple consecutive TFFLs in one go for

a span of period not more than six months. After the expiry of the first six-month period, applications for further TFFLs will only be granted subject to satisfactory food safety and hygiene records demonstrated during the first six-month period. Additional TFFL applications that will bring the total licence period to beyond twelve months will not be accepted. For events lasting more than twelve months, applicants should consider applying for a full food factory licence.

Way Forward

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

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