

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Retail Task Force**

*Implementation Progress for Recommendations of the Review on
the Licensing Processes and Procedures for Food Retail Business*

Recommendations	Task	Progress
(1) Enhancing the public consultation mechanism	Extend membership of existing consultative mechanisms	On the advice of Financial Secretary's Office, the consultation membership list was extended. The list now comprises 65 associations/organizations.
(2) Composite licensing	(a) Consolidate the idea and framework for composite licensing (b) Consult public on details of composite licensing	FEHD consulted trade representatives in November 2005 on the preliminary idea of the composite licence. FEHD further consulted them in March 2006 on the proposed framework in the Appendix . We will work out further details and seek legal advice before formulating a proposal for further consultation with the trade and for submission to the Legislative Council.

Recommendations	Task	Progress
<p>(3) Streamlining licensing procedures</p>	<p>(a) Review licensing requirements</p> <p>(b) Review details to be shown on layout plans</p> <p>(c) Introduce performance pledges for permit application</p> <p>(d) Accept private certification for the issue of full licences not involving fire services certification</p> <p><i>[Note: Amendment to the Food Business Regulation is necessary.]</i></p>	<p>Action completed and progress reported at last meeting.</p> <p>FEHD will issue guidelines to the trade shortly advising that movable appliances/facilities/furniture not of a substantial and permanent nature will not be required to be shown on the proposed/final layout plans.</p> <p>FEHD will take into account the resources available with a view to introducing performance pledges for permit applications by the end of 2006.</p> <p>FEHD will study this further in the context of the legislative amendment exercise for implementing composite licensing.</p>

Proposed Framework for Composite Food Licence

Further to the trade consultation in November 2005 where the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) presented to the trade the initial ideas on the composite food licence, FEHD has tentatively classified the food items that would be manufactured and sold under three types of composite licence, namely Group A, B and C Licence as follows-

		Group A Licence	Group B Licence	Group C Licence
1	Sale of siu mei and lo mei	✓		
2	Sale of pre-cooked food	✓		
3	Manufacture of sushi	✓		
4	Manufacture of sashimi	✓		
5	Preparation of oysters to be eaten in raw state	✓		
6	Sale of sushi	✓	✓	
7	Sale of sashimi	✓	✓	
8	Sale of cut fruit	✓	✓	
9	Sale of oysters to be eaten in raw state	✓	✓	
10	Sale of non-bottled drinks	✓	✓	
11	Sale of frozen confections (<i>ice-cream sold by the scoop</i>)	✓	✓	
12	Sale of Chinese herb tea	✓	✓	
13	Sale of milk beverages	✓	✓	✓
14	Sale of frozen confections in manufacturers' wrappers	✓	✓	✓

- Different licensing requirements and conditions will be imposed on these three groups according to the types of food manufactured and sold. The main basic requirements for each group are contained in the Annex.
- Licence will be granted upon compliance with the relevant basic licensing requirements.

- As illustrated in the table above, holders of Group A Licence are permitted to manufacture or sell food under item nos. 1 to 14, holders of Group B and Group C Licences are permitted to sell food under item nos. 6 to 14 and item nos. 13 and 14 respectively.
- When an applicant for a Group A Licence/Group B Licence has fulfilled the respective basic requirements, he can choose to sell all or some of the related food items. In case that the applicant does not sell all the items, but opts to do so later, he only has to comply with the specific licensing conditions for the items concerned and report compliance to FEHD. The licensee may start selling the food items without waiting for prior approval from FEHD. FEHD will conduct compliance check afterwards.

(A) Proposed basic requirements for Group A Licence

- (1) Proposed layout plans of the premises shall be submitted.
- (2) All ceilings and walls of the premises shall be limewashed.
- (3) Public mains water shall be installed on the premises.
- (4) Proper drainage system shall be provided to the premises.
- (5) Wash-hand basin facilities shall be provided to the premises.
- (6) Wash-up sink facilities shall be provided to the premises.
- (7) Grease traps shall be provided to the premises.
- (8) Manhole is not allowed on the premises.
- (9) The premises shall be adequately lit and supplied with fresh air to the satisfaction of the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene.
- (10) A Hygiene Manager and a Hygiene Supervisor shall be appointed to supervise the daily operation of the premises.
- (11) The floors and the surfaces of walls or partitions shall be surfaced with smooth light coloured non-absorbent material or tiles to a height of not less than 2 metres and the floors shall slope towards a floor drain. The junctions between the walls, partitions and floors must be coved.
- (12) Toilet facilities shall be provided.

(Note: In addition to the above main basic licensing requirements, applicants are also required to comply with the specific licensing conditions for individual food items.)

(B) Proposed basic requirements for Group B Licence

- (1) All ceilings and walls of the premises shall be limewashed.
- (2) Public mains water shall be installed on the premises.
- (3) Proper drainage system shall be provided to the premises.
- (4) Wash-up sink facilities shall be provided to the premises.
- (5) Manhole is not allowed on the premises.
- (6) A Hygiene Supervisor shall be appointed to supervise the daily operation of the premises.

(Note: In addition to the above main basic licensing requirements, applicants are also required to comply with the specific licensing conditions for individual food items.)

(C) Proposed basic requirements for Group C Licence

- (1) All ceilings and walls of the premises shall be limewashed.

(Note: In addition to the above main basic licensing requirements, applicants are also required to comply with the specific licensing conditions for individual food items.)