

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Retail Task force**

*Report on progress on Recommendations of the Review of
The Licensing Processes and Procedures for Food Retail Business*

Recommendations	Task	Progress
(1) Enhancing the public consultation mechanism	Extend membership of existing consultative mechanisms	<u>On-going</u> The consultation membership list now comprises 88 associations / organizations.
(2) Composite licensing	To introduce composite licensing for sale of multiple items of ready-to-eat food	<u>In progress</u> FEHD presented a paper on the framework of composite licensing to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene for discussion on 9.1.2007 and obtained its support. FEHD will proceed to work out the proposed legislative amendments and proposed licensing requirements / conditions in detail. FEHD will further consult the trade and the LegCo Panel on the concrete proposals before finalization.

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(3) Streamlining licensing procedures	<p>(a) Review details to be shown on layout plans</p> <p>(b) Introduce performance pledges for permit application</p> <p>(c) Accept private certification for the issue of full licences not involving fire services certification <i>[Note : Amendment to the Food Business Regulation is necessary]</i></p>	<p><u>Completed</u> FEHD issued the guidelines in June 2006 to the trade advising that movable appliances/facilities/furniture not of a substantial and permanent nature are not required to be shown on the proposed/final layout.</p> <p><u>In progress</u> FEHD is working with the Efficiency Unit on establishing performance pledges for its licensing activities and will consider this in the exercise.</p> <p><u>In progress</u> FEHD will study this further in the context of the legislative amendment exercise for implementing composite licensing.</p>