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**Subcommittee on Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulation 2002 and
Places of Public Entertainment (Exemption) Order**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Friday, 25 October 2002 at 12:45 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members Present** : Hon James TO Kun-sun (Chairman)
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
- Members Absent** : Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
- Public Officers Attending** : Mr Herman CHO
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs
- Mr WONG Siu-wing
Senior Superintendent (Licensing)
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
- Mr AU Choi-kai
Assistant Director (Support), Buildings Department
- Mr LAU Mun-ming
Senior Divisional Officer (Policy)
Fire Services Department

Mr P R MORGAN
Senior Superintendent of Police (Support Branch)
(Support Wing)
Hong Kong Police Force

Mr L W TING
Assistant Secretary for Security (Narcotics)

Mr LEE Sheung-yuen
Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (3)2

Clerk in Attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2

Staff in Attendance : Miss Kitty CHENG
Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Mr Stanley MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)6

I. Meeting with the Administration
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The Bills Committee deliberated on the further undertakings to be given by the Administration (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. Mr LAU Kong-wah informed members that the Administration had given further undertakings to avoid imposing unnecessary administrative work on decent organisers of dance parties. In response to the Subcommittee's request, the Administration agreed to provide a written response before 30 October 2002 to confirm the following undertakings in respect of applications for a Place of Public Entertainment (PPE) licence for holding dance parties -

- (a) when processing applications for PPE licences for holding dancing parties, the fire safety requirements for such activities would be similar to those currently required for other PPE licences, and existing building safety standards for permitting dance activities in other licensed premises would apply;
- (b) if the premises which had already been issued with PPE licences were found suitable for holding dance parties, their licences could be amended to provide for holding dance parties in these premises

by way of payment of an amendment fee by the licencees to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in accordance with the Places Of Public Entertainment Regulation, and the amendment fee would be of a nominal nature; and

- (c) the Administration would review whether the validity period of a permanent PPE licence could be extended to at least 24 months and whether the discrepancy between the existing fees for the issue of an annual PPE licence in the urban and New Territories areas could be removed in one year's time.

3. The Chairman said that he supported the alternative arrangement proposed by the Administration to address members' concerns that the proposed Amendment Regulation might burden decent organisers of dance parties with unnecessary administrative work and cost. He also welcomed the further undertakings given by the Administration. Other members also had not expressed any objection to the Amendment Regulation and the Exemption Order. The Chairman said that he would give a verbal report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee on the proposed Amendment Regulation and Exemption Order at the House Committee meeting held at 2:30 pm on the same day. He also reminded members that the deadline for giving notice to move a motion to amend or repeal these two items of subsidiary legislation was 30 October 2002.

II. Any other business

- 4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:10 pm.

Annex

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Subcommittee on Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulation 2002 and
Places of Public Entertainment (Exemption) Order
on Friday, 25 October 2002 at 12:45 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
0000 - 0124	Chairman	Briefing on the purpose of the meeting	
0125 - 0838	Mr LAU Kong-wah Chairman Admin	Further undertakings to be given by the Administration.	See para 2 of the minutes
0839 - 1136	Chairman Admin	Support for the alternative arrangement proposed by the Administration.	
1137 - 1222	Chairman	Briefing on the legislative timetable.	
1223 - 1249	Admin	Written response to members' concerns expressed at the meeting before 30 October 2002.	

Note : The audio records of the above proceedings are kept at the LegCo Library

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