

**For information  
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**LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**Progress Report on Major Recommendations of  
the Working Group on Itinerant Hawker Licence  
under the Former Provisional Urban Council**

**PURPOSE**

This note informs Members of the follow-up actions taken by the Administration on the recommendations of the Working Group on Itinerant Hawker Licence under the former Provisional Urban Council.

**BACKGROUND**

**The Working Group**

2. As part of its initiative to compulsorily delete all itinerant hawker licences (IHLs), the former Provisional Urban Council (PUC) set up a Working Group on Itinerant Hawker Licence (WGIHL) in 1997. WGIHL was tasked to recommend necessary measures to re-site remaining IHL holders after the deletion of their licence.

**Recommendations of the Working Group**

3. WGIHL submitted its final report in December 1999. The major recommendations of the report were as follows -

(a) Release of vacant fixed pitches and market stalls

- Frozen and resumed vacant fixed pitches and market stalls should be released for selection by IHL holders as a matter of priority. The Working Group also recommended some locations (such as Haiphong Road Temporary Market and Kansu Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar) where consideration might be given to offer additional vacant fixed pitches and market stalls for selection by IHL holders.

- It was not necessary to reserve pitches to re-site fixed pitch hawkers in the same street. Provided that sufficient fixed pitches were available to re-site fixed pitch hawkers within the same district, surplus pitches should be released for selection by IHL holders.

(b) Selection of vacant fixed pitches

- To make more fixed pitches available to IHL holders, they should be allowed to select fixed pitches with permitted trade different from those specified in their licence.

### **FOLLOW-UP ACTION**

4. The recommendations of WGIHL were made on the premise of the then PUC's IHL compulsory deletion policy. While we do not intend to delete IHL compulsorily, we have been following the general principle recommended by the Working Group i.e. reserving sufficient number of fixed pitches and market stalls for IHL holders. We will continue to make fixed pitches and market stalls available to IHL holders who surrender their licence voluntarily. We will also allow IHL holders to select fixed pitches with permitted trade different from those specified in their licence.

### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

5. Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

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