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Dear Mr Cheung,

Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005

In the Bills Committee meeting dated 9 June 2006, you enquired about the detailed procedures for a premise in hold of one liquor licence to apply for an additional liquor licence in relation to a newly segregated part within the premise. We have made an enquiry with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and their response, assuming that after the segregation, the premises in their entirety could still satisfy the conditions of the general restaurant (GR) or light refreshment restaurant (LRR) licence and that the original GR/LRR licence could still form the basis for the liquor licence application, is summarized as follows:

While submitting an application to amend the existing liquor licence (i.e. to reduce the size of the existing premise), the reduced part could continue to sell liquor using its existing liquor licence.

The application for the additional liquor licence and the application for amendment of the existing liquor licence could be processed and approved simultaneously. Nevertheless, the Liquor Licensing Board will not issue the new liquor licence until the amendment fee is paid for amending the existing liquor licence.

Co-operation of both liquor licensees are vital in ensuring a smooth transition. They or their authorized persons should **on the same day**:

- (a) arrive at the respective district Licensing Office of FEHD, i.e. if the premise is in the Kowloon region, they should go the Kowloon office;
- (b) the existing liquor licensee effects the amendment application, i.e. make payment, returns the existing liquor licence and collects the amended one;
- (c) the new liquor licensee then informs the subject staff of LLB that the amendment of existing liquor licensee is completed. It would best for the licensee to show the Office the amended liquor licensee for reference; and
- (d) the subject staff of LLB could then issue an approval letter for the new application to the new liquor licensee, and the new liquor licensee can collect the new licence in the Licence Issuing Office upon payment.

Concurrently, the GR licensee would also have to apply for alteration of the premises in the GR licence as the layout plan has been changed, but the application for the additional liquor licence would not be affected by the application for alteration.

Yours sincerely,

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