

Proposed Research Outline

Licensing of Food Premises

1. Background

1.1 The Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, at its meeting on 14 December 2004, requested the Research and Library Services Division (RLSD) to update the research report on "Licensing of Food Premises" issued in July 1999.

2. Proposed overseas places to be studied

2.1 At the Panel meeting, members requested the research study to be conducted on Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong. A preliminary research indicates that information on the subject is limited in South Korea. As such, RLSD proposes to study the following overseas places:

- (a) Taiwan;
- (b) Tokyo, Japan;
- (c) Singapore;
- (d) New York, the United States;
- (e) Sydney, Australia; and
- (f) London, the United Kingdom.

3. Proposed research outline

3.1 Introduction

- (a) Background;
- (b) Scope of research; and
- (c) Methodology.

3.2 A detailed discussion on the various aspects involved in the licensing of food premises in the selected overseas places, in particular:

- (a) Responsible authorities;
- (b) Application procedures;
- (c) Licensing requirements;
- (d) System of appeal;
- (e) Renewal procedures; and
- (f) Time involved in processing applications.

3.3 Analysis including a comparison of the various attributes of the licensing of food premises in the selected overseas places and Hong Kong.

4. Proposed completion date

4.1 RLSD proposes to complete the research by May 2005.