



Maxim's Caterers Limited

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Comment upon the Licensing Matter

- a) The present licensing system for food businesses and liquor licences
- ◇ The existing FEHD is just a coordinator for passing the relevant documents to FSD and BD for comment. During this procedure, it is quite time consuming.
- b) Any practical difficulties encountered in applying for the requisite licences
- ◇ At present, the difficulty for obtaining a license, mostly rest on BD's requirement/regulations. It is because the Code of Practice/Regulations of BD is a macro one applying to all over Hong Kong. However, for restaurant/cafe, it may be only about hundred or thousand square feet. Therefore, it is hard for the operator to completely fulfill all the requirements. Under some conditions, exemption should be granted.
 - ◇ It is quite confusing to the industry that for one single outlet, different kinds of licence and permit are required to apply. For example, an outlet producing and selling bakery products, a Bakery Licence is required and simultaneously, if slush drink is proposed to sell, a Frozen Confection Factory Licence is also required.
- c) Suggestions for improvements to streamline the licensing procedures
- ◇ To establish a statutory department/council to handle the food licensing matter.
 - i. Should such a department establish, the government can grant them the authority to modify some requirements, especially for BD's so as to suit the operational needs. To our understanding, MTRC do execute and change some BD's requirement to suit their special needs.
 - ii. Since different persons have different deduction of the regulations, an independent statutory organization can coordinate all these requirements, for those having less effect upon public's health; they can override them and issue the license first.

Hoping by doing the above-mentioned items, it can streamline the licensing procedures and make it easier for the industry to obtain the relevant licences.

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