Business Facilitation Advisory Committee Task Force on Business Liaison Groups

An Update of the Progress of Business Liaison Groups

Purpose

This paper provides an update of the overall work progress of the ten Business Liaison Groups (BLGs) since the last meeting of the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups (BLGTF) held on 28 July 2021.

Progress

- 2. From 28 July 2021 to 11 January 2022, we have conducted three BLG meetings and proactively liaised with the trade of seven BLGs. A total of 18 issues were satisfactorily resolved or clarified and four information dissemination sessions on business facilitation were conducted by the relevant departments as arranged by the Secretariat. A breakdown of these figures by the BLGs is shown at *Appendix*. BLGTF Papers 126 to 128 set out some of the latest business facilitation measures that will benefit the trade.
- 3. To enhance communication with the trade, the Secretariat has provided an <u>online form</u> for the trade to share their views on licensing application and regulatory regime since December 2021. Starting from 2022, we will upload summaries on the views collected and the Government responses onto the <u>Business Facilitation Initiatives website</u> on a regular basis.
- 4. The Secretariat will provide advance notice to members once the schedule for future BLG meetings is available so that members can attend the BLG meetings as observers.

Way Forward

5. Members are invited to note the content of this paper and offer comments, if any.

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Appendix

A Breakdown of the Work of the Ten Business Liaison Groups (BLGs) from 28 July 2021 to 11 January 2022

BLG	No. of Meetings	No. of Proactive Liaison with Trade	No. of Issues Resolved/Clarified	No. of Information Dissemination Sessions	No. of Consultation Sessions
Food business (restaurant)	1	1	7	-	-
Food business (non-restaurant)	1	1	5	-	-
Billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks	-	1	-	-	-
Cinemas	-	1	-	-	-
Theme parks and attractions	1	-	-	4	-
Family amusement centres	-	1	-	-	-
Hotels	-	-	-	-	-
Recreational clubs	-	1	-	-	-
Karaoke establishments, night clubs, bars and other entertainment clubs	-	1	6	-	-
Guesthouses, holiday camps and holiday flats	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	3	7	18	4	-