

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups**

Liquor licensee to take 2 day-offs weekly

Background

Pursuant to the Dutiable Commodities (Liquor) Regulation (Cap 109 B), any person who intends to sell liquor at any premises for consumption on the premises must obtain a liquor licence before commencement of such business. The current liquor licensing regime relies heavily on a clear liability and legal responsibility of the licensee to supervise and manage the licensed premises personally. Applicants of liquor licences are required to provide their duty hours and weekly day-off in the application forms for consideration by the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB).

Trade's Concern

2. At Business Liaison Group meetings for hotels as well as karaoke establishments, nightclubs, bars and other entertainment clubs, the trades opined that their liquor licensees were required to work six days a week. As many companies were now having a 5-day work week, the trades enquired if LLB could approve liquor licensee to take two day-offs weekly.

Administration's Response

3. In response, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has clarified that the applicants / licensees can make the request for two day-offs per week in the relevant application forms (new issue - FEHB106, renewal - FEHB106A). Applicants should provide supplementary information on the grounds of such arrangement for LLB's consideration. According to the application records in recent years, none of the applications for taking two day-offs weekly were refused by LLB.

Way Forward

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

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