

**Fifty-sixth Meeting of  
the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee**

***Agenda Item 4(b): Report on the work of the  
Food Business and Related Services Task Force***

**Purpose**

This paper reports the work progress of the Food Business and Related Services Task Force (FRSTF) since the last Business Facilitation Advisory Committee meeting on 15 October 2024.

**Work Progress of the FRSTF**

***Trade Facilitating Measures for Exporting Hong Kong-manufactured Food Products to the Mainland***

2. At the FRSTF meeting on 3 December 2024, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) briefed the FRSTF on the initiative of “Recommendation on Food Manufacturer Registration” (Applicable to Export of the Specified 18 Categories of Food Products to the Mainland), introduced under the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China Decree No. 248 《Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Registration and Administration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food》. The FEHD also briefed the FRSTF on the Advance Release Arrangement (the Arrangement) for Hong Kong-manufactured food products entering the Mainland market, under the framework of the Cooperation Agreement on the Supervision of Safety and Facilitation of Customs Clearance of Food Products Manufactured in Hong Kong Exported to the Mainland. Covering three food categories at present, the Arrangement can shorten clearance procedures and time, as well as reduce potential losses of goods.

3. The FRSTF welcomed the measures.

***E-services of Food Business Licences/Permits***

4. The FEHD briefed the FRSTF on e-services of Food Business Licences/Permits, including full implementation of the electronic referral system to digitally transmit and process licence application information with 11 bureaux/departments, issuance of electronic licences and permits, and

accepting electronic applications for alteration to the approved plan of licensed food premises, licence amendments, transfer and cancellation and electronic payment of application fees.

5. The FRSTF welcomed the e-services provided by the FEHD and suggested the FEHD enhancing the user-friendliness of its website so as to encourage more trades to use the e-service.

### **Way Forward**

6. Members are invited to note the work progress of the FRSTF. The FRSTF will continue to monitor the development of the above issue.

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