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Question:

How many appeal cases against food business licence suspension were there in 2012? How many cases were allowed? Of the appeal cases against licence suspension, what was the average, longest and shortest period of suspension?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2012, there were 50 appeal cases against food business licence suspension, of which 39 cases were heard and 11 withdrawn. Of the cases heard, there were 25 cases in which the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) suspended the licence for seven days and 14 cases where the suspension was for 14 days. The Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB) upheld the Department's suspension decision in 22 cases, shortened the suspension period in 16 cases, and has yet to rule on the remaining case. For the 38 cases with ruling made by LIAB, the average suspension period after appeal was eight days, with the longest period being 14 days and the shortest two.

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