

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Budget Speech has mentioned the introduction of Food Trucks to Hong Kong. However, fishing vessels in typhoon shelters are prohibited from providing delicacies which carry a strong local taste. Please advise whether the Department will also consider resuming the issue of relevant licences to facilitate the provision of delicacies by fishing vessels in typhoon shelters when studying the proposal to introduce Food Trucks.

Asked by: Hon CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The operation of a restaurant in a vessel requires a marine restaurant licence issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) under the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X). The Department has been processing applications for marine restaurant licences in respect of vessels in consultation with the Marine Department, and will continue to do so as and when applications are received. At present, there are five vessels issued with a marine restaurant licence. Two of them are operating in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter and the other three are pleasure vessels cruising within Hong Kong waters.

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