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Question:

How many appeal cases against food business licence suspension were there in 2015? How many cases were allowed? As regards the appeal cases against licence suspension, please advise on the average, longest and shortest length of suspension.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

In 2015, there were seven appeals against the suspension of food business licence. One of them was subsequently withdrawn and another one has yet to be determined by the Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB). Of the five cases heard, LIAB upheld the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's suspension decision in three cases and shortened the suspension period in the other two cases. The average suspension period, as determined by LIAB, was five days, with the longest period being seven days and the shortest, three.

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