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Question:

It is set out in “A Guide on Compliance with the Requirement on Air Change/Air Purifiers in Seating Areas of Dine-in Catering Premises under Cap. 599F” that catering business operators have to submit to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department a certificate filled in and signed by a registered specialist contractor (ventilation works category) (RSC(V)) in respect of their catering premises to certify compliance with the latest requirements of the Government. Please explain the duties and responsibilities of the RSC(V) in this aspect of work.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent

Reply:

On 17 March 2021, the Secretary for Food and Health stipulated a requirement on air change or air purifiers to be complied with in dine-in restaurants in the directions in relation to catering business under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Catering premises operators are required to register on the designated webpage of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on or before 30 April 2021, registering that the seating area(s) of the respective catering premises have a minimum of 6 air changes per hour (ACH), or that air purifiers meeting the specified specifications have been installed in the seating area(s) according to the on-the-ground situation (including the site conditions) and the manufacturer manual. A certificate issued by a registered specialist contractor (ventilation category) (RSC(V)) should be submitted with the registration. The RSC(V) has to work out whether the ACH in the seating area(s) is at 6 or above by referring to the plans of the catering premises, or calculate the number of air purifiers required for the seating area(s) and determine their placement having regard to the on-the-ground situation and the manufacturer manual.

On 11 April 2021, the Working Group established for the smooth implementation of the requirement promulgated “A Guide on Compliance with the Requirement on Air Change/Air Purifiers in Seating Areas of Dine-in Catering Premises”. The Guide has been uploaded to the Department's website (https://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/guide_general_reference/guide_on_compliance

[_with_requirement_on_air_change.html](#)) for reference by catering premises operators and registered contractors.

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