

## **Relaxation of Statutory Requirements for Food Room**

This is to inform the trade that the statutory requirements for food rooms for licensed **General Restaurants** (GRs), **Light Refreshment Restaurants** (LRRs) and **Factory Canteens** (FCs) as stipulated under the Food Business Regulation will be relaxed with effect from **1 August 2010**. The relaxation will introduce new area bands for larger-scale GRs and FCs and reduce their minimum food room requirements; reduce the minimum food room requirements for GRs in existing smaller area bands; and remove the minimum kitchen area requirement for GRs but maintain the existing requirement of provision of kitchen, etc. The new food room requirements are provided at Annex for reference.

Transitional provisions have been made that the existing food room requirements would continue to apply to licences issued before 1 August 2010. However, if an existing licensed GR, LRR or FC makes any alteration to the space of its food room or gross floor area on or after 1 August 2010, it will be subject to the new requirements once the alteration is made and approved by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

Moreover, the statutory requirement for the **internal walls and ceiling** of the food room of licensed premises to be in light colour will also be removed with effect from **1 August 2010** (applicable to all types of food business premises).

**FOOD ROOM REQUIREMENT FOR RESTAURANTS AND FACTORY CANTEENS**  
(With effect from 1.8.2010)

**GENERAL RESTAURANTS**

Gross floor area	Minimum area of food room
100 m <sup>2</sup> or less	25% of gross floor area, but not less than 8 m <sup>2</sup>
exceeding 100 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 150 m <sup>2</sup>	22% of gross floor area, but not less than 25 m <sup>2</sup>
exceeding 150 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 250 m <sup>2</sup>	19% of gross floor area, but not less than 33 m <sup>2</sup>
exceeding 250 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 500 m <sup>2</sup>	16% of gross floor area, but not less than 48 m <sup>2</sup>
exceeding 500 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 1 000 m <sup>2</sup>	13% of gross floor area, but not less than 80 m <sup>2</sup>
exceeding 1 000 m <sup>2</sup>	10% of gross floor area, but not less than 130 m <sup>2</sup>

**LIGHT REFRESHMENT RESTAURANTS**

Gross floor area	Minimum area of food room
23 m <sup>2</sup> or less	Not less than 4.5 m <sup>2</sup>
exceeding 23 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 35 m <sup>2</sup>	20% of gross floor area or 6 m <sup>2</sup> whichever is less
exceeding 35 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 55 m <sup>2</sup>	18% of gross floor area or 7.5 m <sup>2</sup> whichever is less
exceeding 55 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 95 m <sup>2</sup>	14% of gross floor area or 12 m <sup>2</sup> whichever is less
exceeding 95 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 185 m <sup>2</sup>	13% of gross floor area or 17 m <sup>2</sup> whichever is less
exceeding 185 m <sup>2</sup>	9% of gross floor area or 18 m <sup>2</sup> whichever is more

**FACTORY CANTEENS**

Gross floor area	Minimum area of food room
250 m <sup>2</sup> or less	14% of gross floor area, but not less than 5 m <sup>2</sup>
exceeding 250 m <sup>2</sup> but not exceeding 1 000 m <sup>2</sup>	12% of gross floor area, but not less than 35 m <sup>2</sup>
exceeding 1 000 m <sup>2</sup>	10% of gross floor area, but not less than 120 m <sup>2</sup>