

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

What is the number of appeal cases against the suspension of food business licences in 2008, and how many cases were allowed? Of the appeal cases against licence suspension, what is the average period of suspension? What is the longest and shortest period of licence suspension?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

In 2008, there were 23 appeal cases against food business licence suspension; 15 cases were heard and eight are pending hearing. Of the cases heard, the Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB) shortened the suspension period in one, upheld the suspension decision in nine and has yet to rule on the remaining five. For the 10 cases already ruled by LIAB, the average suspension period after appeal was 7.4 days. Taking into account the appeal outcome as known to date, the longest licence suspension in that year was 14 days and the shortest was four.

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