

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

Regarding applications from non-governmental organisations for organising community bazaar activities, please advise this Committee:

1. of the number of applications received for organising community bazaar activities, the number of applications approved and refused, the details of activities involved in the approved applications (including the duration in days, venue and scale of the activities), as well as the reasons for refusing the applications, in each of the past 3 years; and
2. whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will consider reviewing the application procedures for organising community bazaar activities, the assessment criteria and the regulatory restrictions in 2026-27. If yes, what are the work plan and timetable for such review? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ye, Grace (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

1. The number of applications for Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence (TPPEL) submitted by non-governmental organisations for organising bazaars each year from 2023 to 2025 is as follows:

Year	Number of applications for Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence submitted by non-governmental organisations for organising bazaars
2023	51 ^{Note 1}
2024	102 ^{Note 2}
2025	90 ^{Note 3}

Note 1: 10 of which were cross-year (2023-2024) bazaars

Note 2: 10 of which were cross-year (2024-2025) bazaars

Note 3: 10 of which were cross-year (2025-2026) bazaars

All the above applications were approved except for 1 case in 2025, which was not approved because the relevant departments objected on the grounds that the proposed bazaar area might cause obstructions in public passageways. The durations in days of the bazaar activities involved in the approved applications are as follows:

Year	1 to 7 days	8 days to 1 month	Longer than 1 month up to 3 months	Longer than 3 months up to 6 months
2023	31	12	2	6
2024	60	22	16	4
2025	38	30	16	5

The above figures do not include bazaar activities for which application for TPPELs from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is not required. The Department does not keep a breakdown by venue or scale of the bazaars concerned.

2. The Government keeps an open mind towards specific proposals from local residents/organisations for organising bazaars. The main role of the Department is to process the applications for TPPELs and Temporary Food Factory Licences. When receiving a licence application, the Department will provide the applicant with one-stop services, which include the referral of information to the relevant government departments for consideration. If the relevant government departments support the application, the Department will issue the licence as soon as possible.

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