

Appointments to Working Group on Implementing the Requirement on Air Change or Air Purifiers in Dine-in Restaurants under Cap. 599F

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said today (March 16) that a requirement on air change or air purifiers in dine-in restaurants will soon be stipulated in the Secretary for Food and Health's directions in relation to catering business under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) on infection control grounds. The FEHD today made appointments to the Working Group on Implementing the Requirement on Air Change or Air Purifiers in Dine-in Restaurants under Cap. 599F, which will advise the Government on the smooth implementation of the above requirement.

The Working Group will work on specific guidelines for implementing the air change per hour at six in terms of fresh air intake for the seating area of dine-in restaurants, as well as specific guidelines for the alternative of using air purifiers (high-efficiency particulate air filter (HEPA) cum ultraviolet-C (UV-C) devices or HEPA devices or UV-C devices) in terms of meeting the specifications promulgated and application on the ground in a proper manner, for reference by restaurant operators, ventilation contractors and air purifier suppliers.

The composition of the Working Group is as follows:

Chairman

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Professor Yuen Pak-leung

Members

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Mr Antonio Chan

Mr Ho Kui-yip

Mr Kenneth Li

Professor Li Yuguo

Dr David Lung

Mr Simon Siu Yat-ming

Professor Wang Shengwei

Members of the Working Group are appointed on an ad personam basis. They are expert representatives coming from a wide spectrum of backgrounds, including public health, engineering (including mechanical engineering and building services engineering), surveying and ventilation (including the ventilation system works and air-conditioning and registration field).

Representatives from the FEHD and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will serve as observers on the Working Group.

"The Working Group will maintain communication with the relevant trades. We believe that the Working Group will make valuable contributions towards the successful implementation of the ventilation requirement in dine-in restaurants under Cap. 599F," the spokesman said.