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Dear Sir

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF LIQUOR LICENSING

We refer to your letter of 26 July 2011 regarding captioned matter and give below our comments as follows:

Chapter 2: Upstairs Bar

No, the specific circumstances upstairs bars do not require more stringent licensing control as it would then be a tremendous burden on the trade.

Chapter 3: Advertising an Application

Applicants should continue advertising their applications on newspapers. Much more effective that way as many more people will see the application. Not many people will visit a designated website maintained by LLB.

Chapter 4: Duration of a Licence

Maximum duration of liquor licences should be extended to 2 years with a proviso of an annual review which should be centered on the bars' performance records over the past year.

Chapter 5: Natural Person and Reserve Licensee

- a) The liquor licence should continue to be issued to a natural person
- b) A reserve licensee mechanism should be introduced. In most of the Club bars, the licensee, more often than not the General Manager of the Club starts work early in the morning and should not be expected to stay until the Club closes at say midnight every night. Whenever the licensee has to leave the Club earlier due to one reason or another, the reserve licensee should be allowed to take over the duties until the bar closes.
- c) Only one nomination should be allowed.
- d) Only one reserve licensee should be allowed for the same liquor licence.
- e) There should only be one reserve licensee for one premise.



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Chapter 6: Classification of Licence

There should not be any statutory licence classification system in the Hong Kong context. All restaurants and bars in Hong Kong should be able to accommodate their patrons with whatever kind of liquor and /or alcoholic drinks requested by the patrons. Such is the nature of the people in Hong Kong, they expect it. It would just not be practicable to have a classification system in a place like Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully


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