

Assistant Secretary for Food & Health (Food)3 Food & Health Bureau

Dear Sir/Madam,

Refer to the above Consultation paper, I would like to suggest my view points as follows:

- 1) Chapter 3: I fully support the establishment, role and function of the Licensing Board for Private Columbaria.
- 2) Chapter 4: a) The number of niches regards as a Private Columbarium is any number greater than 10.
- b) The licensing period for the operator should not be lesser than 20 years in order to protect the consumers' benefits.
- c) Right of Use Premises should be self ownership by the operator so that the change will be minimum.
- d) At least 10 % of the Sales volume should be reserved as Management fund.
- e) Prior arrangement in case of cessation should be mandatory as Mode of operation.
- 3) Chapter 5: a) No exemption should be given to all operators including those pre-existing columbaria due to Equality to everybody.
- 4) Chapter 7: Duration of transition period should be as soon as possible and lesser than 12 months in order to support the establishment of the Licensing Board.

Conclusion: The enforcement of the licensing conditions to the operators of private columbaria will regulate the business environment and protect the consumers in HKSAR.

Best Regards,

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