

# **GUIDE FOR AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRE LICENSEES**

## **POSITIONING OF AMUSEMENT GAME MACHINES IN YOUR CENTRE**

The following questions and answers aim to assist you in positioning the amusement game machines in your centre.

### **Q.1 Why are there spacing rules for amusement game centres?**

The objectives of the spacing rules are :

- To prevent amusement game machines from being positioned in an over-congested manner.
- To provide adequate space for circulation and fire escape routes.

### **Q.2 How should amusement game machines be positioned?**

New applications for amusement game centres (and existing licensees who wish to change their centre layout plan) are required to observe the following spacing rules :

- There must be a general passageway of at least 2.0 metre (or 2,000 mm) leading to each and every amusement game machine in a centre.
- No amusement game machines should be placed within 1.0 metre (or 1,000 mm) from any entrance, exit or staircase landings.

### **Q.3 How to prepare layout plans in support of applications for grant of licence and subsequent changes in an amusement game centre?**

First of all, you must appoint an Authorized Person to prepare the layout plans. The definition of an Authorized Person is given in section 2 of the Buildings Ordinance, which may include an Architect, an Engineer or a Surveyor. When preparing the layout plans, you should remind your Authorized Person the following points :-

- It must be drawn to the scale of 1:100 and in metric. A total of 3 copies are required.

- It must contain the following details :-
  - (a) the full address and total floor area of the premises;
  - (b) the size, the total number and the total number of device of all amusement game machines;
  - (c) all significant interior measurements of the premises, i.e. the length and width at various locations;
  - (d) fixed installations, i.e. counters, air-conditioning plants and other machines, such as vending machines, etc.; and
  - (e) partitioned areas used for other purposes, i.e. storerooms, offices, toilets and workshops, etc.
  
- It should be certified by the Authorized Person to the effect that :-
  - (a) the premises are located in a building solely for commercial purpose  
(Note - This is NOT applicable to a licence already granted in a mixed user building);
  - (b) the premises are a legal structure;
  - (c) the premises are structurally suitable for use as an amusement game centre;
  - (d) the premises are being provided with the required means of fire escape;
  - (e) the proposed use of the premises is not contrary to the Government lease conditions; and
  - (f) the proposed premises have been issued with an Occupation Permit.
  
- Each layout plan must be signed by the Authorized Person and endorsed by the applicant/licensee.

A sample layout plan is attached for your reference. If you have any further enquiries, please contact our licensing officers at Tel. 2594 5808 or 2594 5818.

**Q.4 Under what circumstances is application for a change of the layout plan not required?**

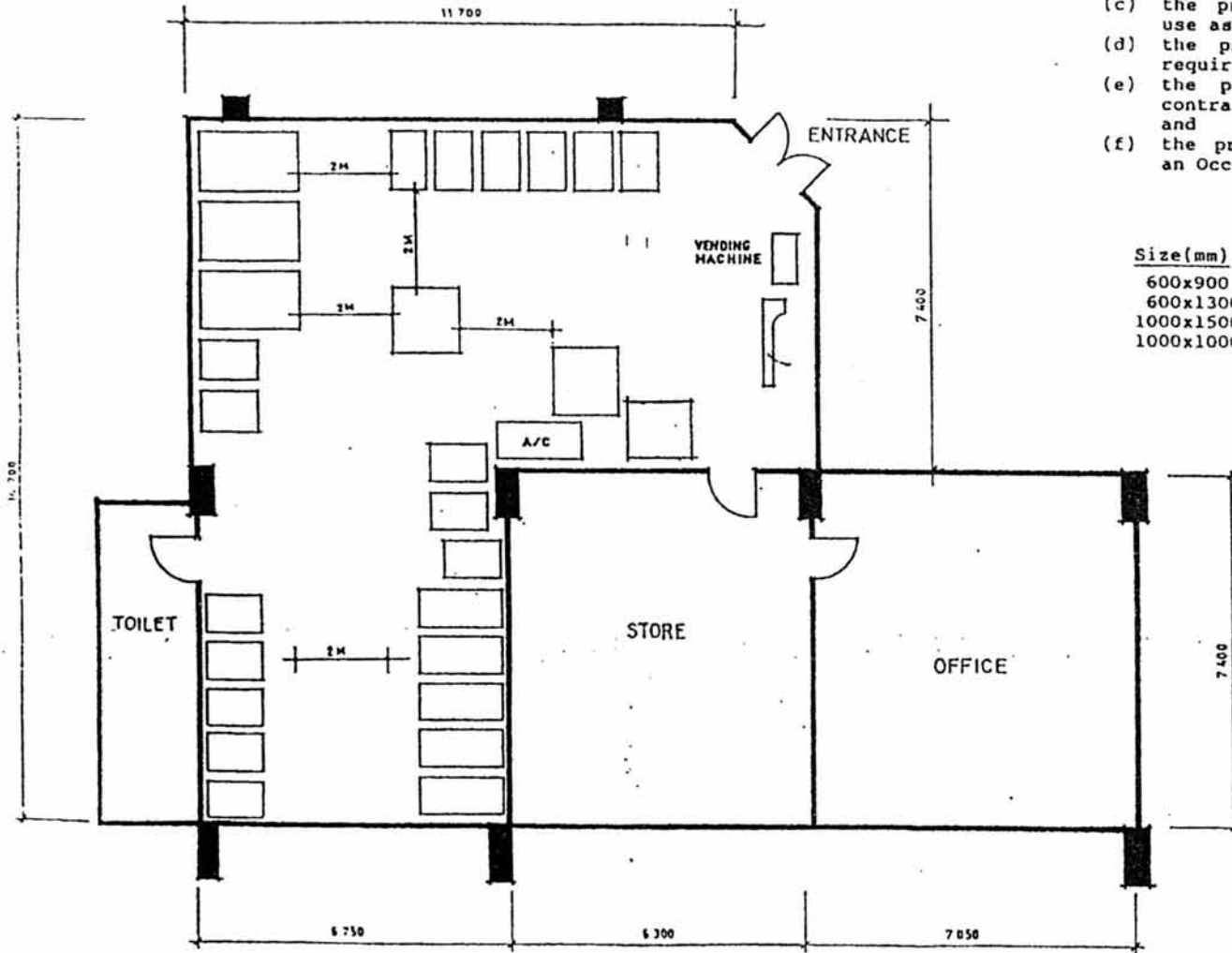
Application for a change of layout is not required provided :-

- the size of a new machine does not exceed that of the one to be replaced in situ;
- there is no change in the total number of machines/devices in the premises;
- there is no structural alterations to the premises;
- there is no alterations to means of escape;
- no machines requiring endorsement of EMSD are involved; and
- no partitioning is involved.

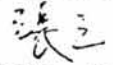
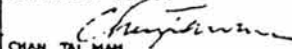
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This is to certify that:-

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Size(mm)	No. of machine	No. of device
600x900	16	16 (16x1)
600x1300	5	5 (5x1)
1000x1500	3	6 (3x2)
1000x1000	3	3 (3x1)
	<u>27</u>	<u>30</u>

APPLICANT  CHEUNG SAM	PROJECT SHOP A, G/F ENTERTAINMENT COMMERCIAL BUILDING FUN FUN STREET, WANCHAI, HONG KONG	AUTHORIZED PERSON  CHAN TAI MAN
	SCALE 1 : 100	TOTAL FLOOR AREA 250.00m <sup>2</sup>