

Panel on Commerce and Industry**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 7 November 2003)

Subject	Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Update on the operation of the Applied Research Fund (ARF)	11.12.2000	Members were briefed on the operation of ARF. It was agreed that the Administration would submit quarterly reports to the Panel to keep members informed of the latest development of ARF.	The Administration has issued 10 updates (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 989/00-01, 1834/00-01, 939/01-02, 1232/01-02(04), 2185/01-02, 24/02-03, 582/02-03, 1415/02-03, 2008/02-03 and 2522/02-03(01)) on the operation of ARF since January 2001. The next report will be due for December 2003/January 2004.
2. Licensing requirements for transshipment cargoes	14.4.2003	In discussion on the Administration's proposal for relaxation of import, export and transshipment controls on certain categories of articles, members did not support relaxing the licensing requirements on strategic communities, firearms and ammunition. They suggested that other governments, in particular the governments of European countries and the United States, should be consulted when relaxation measures on these articles were to be considered in future.	The Administration noted members' view and suggestion.

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3. Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)	30.6.2003	A member was concerned that some of the 273 types of Hong Kong products which would enjoy zero tariff from 1 January 2004 might no longer be of an appeal in the market. The Administration was requested to provide statistics in the past few years on Hong Kong's exports to the Mainland with a view to identifying those products which had greater market potentials and could benefit more from the zero tariff.	The Administration's response was circulated for members' reference vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)2534/02-03(01) and 2560/02-03 on 2 and 8 October 2003 respectively.
4. Liberalization of Trade in Services under CEPA	13.10.2003	Under Annex 4 of the main text of CEPA, Hong Kong residents after obtaining the Mainland's insurance qualification and being employed or appointed by a Mainland insurance institution would be allowed to engage in the relevant insurance business. A member was concerned on why there was no similar requirement for Hong Kong securities practitioners in the Mainland. The Administration undertook to follow up with the relevant bureau on the practising requirement of the services in question.	The Administration has conveyed the member's concern to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau for consideration and follow-up action. Reply awaited.
5. Assessment of performance and benefits of CEPA	13.10.2003	A member expressed concern on the mechanism or indicators that could be adopted to assess the performance and quantify the benefits of CEPA. The Administration indicated that it would study the matter in consultation with the Government Economist.	The Administration's response (English version only) was circulated for members' reference vide LC Paper No. CB(1)280/03-04(01) on 7 November 2003. The Chinese version will be issued to members once available.

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6. Mainland residents visiting Hong Kong individually in connection with the liberalization of tourism and travel related services under CEPA	13.10.2003	In addressing a member's concern on the possibility of allowing Mainland residents from more provinces to visit Hong Kong individually, the Administration undertook to convey his concern to the Economic Development and Labour Bureau for consideration and follow-up.	The Administration has conveyed the member's concern to the Economic Development and Labour Bureau and Security Bureau for consideration and follow-up action. Reply awaited.

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