

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 22 April 2004)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Policy on the issue of Food Factory (Meat Roasting) Licence	20 November 2002	The Administration to provide a paper to report the outcome of its consultation with the trade on the proposed policy on the issue of Food Factory (Meat Roasting) Licence.	A letter dated 21 April 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
2. Team Clean's further report on measures to improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong	15 August 2003	The Administration to provide the following information - (a) <i>effects on public health</i> : how far the protection rendered to the public against avian influenza would be further enhanced by banning live poultry trade at retail level; (b) <i>economic costs</i> : a comparison between the costs devoted to the surveillance and control of the disease and the total economic return generated by the live poultry trade; and	A letter dated 21 April 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.

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		(c) <i>social costs</i> : an assessment on the social costs incurred by imposing such a ban, e.g. considering the number of people losing their jobs and the chance of their getting new employment.	
3. Discovery of Vibrio Cholerae in retail fish stalls and the quality of fish tank water	16 September 2003	The Administration to provide the findings of FEHD's investigation into the presence of Vibrio Cholerae in PARKnSHOP's Pok Fu Lam Shop upon completion of the investigation.	A letter dated 21 April 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
4. Mercury level in seafood	25 November 2003	The Administration was requested to consider setting up a hot-line service for public inquiry on food safety.	A letter dated 21 April 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
5. Conversion of aqua privies into flushing toilets	25 November 2003	The Administration was requested to provide information on the location of the 100 aqua privies to be converted into flushing toilets.	A letter dated 21 April 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.

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6. Regulatory control of "private kitchens"	18 December 2003	<p>The Administration to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) operation of "private kitchens" in small houses in the New Territories;</p> <p>(b) differences in fitting-out requirements between the traditional restaurants and "private kitchens"; and</p> <p>(c) licensing requirements of the private clubs as compared with those for the "private kitchens".</p>	<p>A letter dated 21 April 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
7. Anti-mosquito campaign 2004	3 March 2004	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the prosecutions against mosquito breeding offences.</p>	<p>The information was provided as a post-meeting note under paragraph 13 of the minutes of the meeting.</p>
8. Measures against avian influenza (AI)	10 March 2004	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a progress report on the proposed interim measures outlined in its paper issued for the Panel meeting on 25 February 2004 -</p> <p>(a) import of live, chilled and frozen poultry;</p>	<p>The Administration provided further information on (a) at the meetings on 2 and 15 April 2004 [LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1930/03-04(01) & CB(2) 2051/03-04(01)].</p> <p>A letter dated 21 April 2004 was issued to remind the</p>

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		<p>(b) development of local hatchery operation; and</p> <p>(c) review of existing regulatory framework for local poultry farming.</p> <p>The Administration was also requested to provide the criteria and the timetable for implementation, as well as the scientific basis in support of its proposals.</p>	<p>Administration to provide a response on the remaining items.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
	19 March 2004	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(a) provide information on the objective criteria used to determine resumption of live poultry and the number of Mainland farms which comply with the standard set by the World Organisation for Animal Health; and</p> <p>(b) look into the causes for the high retail price of live chickens.</p>	<p>Please refer to the Administration's paper for the meeting on 15 April 2004 [LC Paper No. CB(2) 2051/03-04(01)].</p>
<p>9. Consultation paper on "Prevention of avian influenza : Consultation on long term direction to minimise the risk of human infection"</p>	2 April 2004	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) the estimated number of persons currently engaged in the</p>	<p>A letter dated 21 April 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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		<p>transportation and sale of poultry, and the number that can switch to the new trades if the proposed approaches of "cold chain" or "freshly slaughtered poultry" were adopted;</p> <p>(b) the estimated gross product value of the poultry trade and the Government expenses to prevent/control AI; and</p> <p>(c) scientific basis for increasing the number of rest days in retail markets.</p>	