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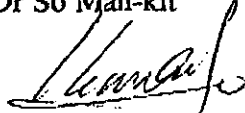
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**Prevention of Avian Influenza: Consultation on Long Term  
Direction to Minimise the Risk of Human Infection**

1. The Council of The Hong Kong Society for Infectious Diseases
- (i) supports that protection of public health be considered as the top priority
  - (ii) supports the direction to have a long-term solution to prevent avian influenza outbreak
  - (iii) agrees that there are urgent needs to minimize the contact between people and live poultry

2. In view of (1) above, the Society supports in principle the concept of applying 'cold chain approach' i.e. All live poultry will be slaughtered and undergo chilling process in a slaughterhouse. Retail outlets would only be allowed to sell chilled poultry.

3. Implementation of (2) above should require resource input for monitoring of the process, including establishing a code of practice of the poultry traders than relying on self-discipline. The same should be applied to local and imported poultry.

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