

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 6 October 2003)

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 17 September 2003 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
2. Follow-up discussion on the regulatory control of "private kitchens"	20 November 2002	The Administration to provide information on the general conditions of "private kitchens" such as their hygiene standards, provision of means of escape and so on.	The issue will be further discussed at a future Panel meeting.
3. Control on import and sale of game	24 June 2003	The Administration to provide information on - (a) the volume of frozen game meat imported from other countries; (b) the volume of raw and cooked snakes imported into Hong Kong and their countries of origin;	A letter dated 17 September 2003 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.

		<p>(c) the kinds of live animals the import of which was subject to the quarantine requirements imposed under Cap.421;</p> <p>(d) the different import requirements imposed on live animals imported from those countries or areas which had risks of rabies; and</p> <p>(e) information as to whether frozen game meat of civet cats was unfit for human consumption, and the volume of chilled/frozen game meat of civet cats imported into Hong Kong in the past 3 to 4 years and their country of origin.</p>	
<p>4. Team Clean's further report on measures to improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong</p>	<p>15 August 2003</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the following information -</p> <p>(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;</p>	<p>A letter dated 17 September 2003 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

		<p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	
5. 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.	Response awaited.