

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 12 December 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 10 December 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 discussed at the Panel meeting on 18 December 2003.
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;	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)453/03-04 on 26 November 2003.

		<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>(b) <i>economic costs</i> : a comparison between the costs devoted to the surveillance and control of the disease and the total economic return</p>	<p>A letter dated 10 December 2003 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

		<p>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.	<p>A letter dated 10 December 2003 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
6. Labelling scheme on nutrition information	25 November 2003	The Administration was requested to provide information on overseas practice in nutrition labelling including information on the origin of the food imported in a table form.	<p>A letter dated 10 December 2003 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

7. 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 10 December 2003 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
8. 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 10 December 2003 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.