

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 5 January 2005)

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.	<p>A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>The Panel may wish to follow up the issue in the context of the review of food business licensing (item 6 of the list of outstanding items for discussion).</p>
2. Team Clean's further report on measures to improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong	15 August 2003	<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 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>The Panel may wish to follow up</p>

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		<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>	<p>the issue when further discussion is held with the Administration on the Consultation Paper on Long Term Direction to Minimise the Risk of Human Infection.</p>
<p>3. Discovery of Vibrio Cholerae in retail fish stalls and the quality of fish tank water</p>	<p>16 September 2003</p>	<p>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>	<p>A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>4. Regulatory control of "private kitchens"</p>	<p>18 December 2003</p>	<p>The Administration to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) operation of "private kitchens" in</p>	<p>A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p>

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		<p>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>Response awaited.</p> <p>The Administration has proposed to brief the Panel on the licensing requirements for private kitchens in the 2004-05 session.</p>
<p>5. Measures against avian influenza (AI)</p>	<p>10 March 2004</p>	<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>(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</p>	<p>Regarding (a), the Administration provided further information at the Panel meetings on 2 and 15 April 2004 [LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1930/03-04(01) & CB(2) 2051/03-04(01)], and also in its letters to Panel Chairman on 23 & 29 April 2004 [LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 2147 & 2201/03-04].</p> <p>A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response to (b) and (c) and the remainder.</p>

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		provide the criteria and the timetable for implementation, as well as the scientific basis in support of its proposals.	Response awaited. The Administration will brief the Panel on (b) at the meeting on 11 January 2005.
6. Resumption of importation of live chickens	27 April 2004	The Administration to - (a) provide a paper on the health rules and importation control measures for fertile eggs; and (b) look into whether there was a market manipulation problem in the live chicken market.	Regarding (a), the response provided by the Administration was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 3118/03-04(01) on 19 July 2004. A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response to (b). Response awaited.
7. Study on H7 and H9 virus	4 June 2004	The Administration to provide information on the study on H7 and H9 virus found at the poultry markets.	A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
8. Voluntary surrender of live	26 October 2004	The Administration to –	A letter dated 3 January 2005

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poultry retail licences or tenancies		<p>(a) provide a breakdown of applications for ex-gratia payment by markets (cases from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Housing Department (HD) market stallholders) and districts (cases from fresh provision shop licensees); and</p> <p>(b) clarify whether HD market stallholders can terminate their market tenancies prematurely if they choose to surrender their tenancies under the scheme.</p>	<p>was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
9. Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill	14 December 2004	<p>The Administration to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) similar provisions in overseas legislation on enforcement action against mosquito breeding; and</p> <p>(b) breeding places identified by District Anti-Mosquito Task Force which were government land and the measures taken to eliminate the</p>	<p>A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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10. Mandatory scheme to regulate coral reef fish	14 December 2004	The Administration to provide information on the operational arrangements in other countries in handling the problem of ciguatera fish poisoning.	A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
11. Administration of urn grave cemeteries	14 December 2004	The Administration to provide a progress report on the implementation of various improvement measures mentioned in paragraphs 9 to 16 of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)362/04-05 (09)].	A letter dated 3 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.