

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 26 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 25 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 5 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>(b) <i>economic costs</i> : a comparison</p>	<p>A letter dated 25 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 when further discussion is held with the Administration on</p>

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		<p>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 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 25 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 small houses in the New Territories;</p> <p>(b) differences in fitting-out requirements between the traditional restaurants and "private kitchens";</p>	<p>A letter dated 25 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>The Administration has proposed</p>

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		<p>and</p> <p>(c) licensing requirements of the private clubs as compared with those for the "private kitchens".</p>	<p>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 review of existing regulatory framework for local poultry farming outlined in its paper issued for the Panel meeting on 25 February 2004.</p>	<p>A letter dated 25 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>6. Resumption of importation of live chickens</p>	<p>27 April 2004</p>	<p>The Administration to look into whether there was a market manipulation problem in the live chicken market.</p>	<p>A letter dated 25 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>7. Study on H7 and H9 virus</p>	<p>4 June 2004</p>	<p>The Administration to provide information on the study on H7 and H9 virus found at the poultry markets.</p>	<p>A letter dated 25 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>8. Voluntary surrender of live</p>	<p>26 October 2004</p>	<p>The Administration to –</p>	<p>A letter dated 25 January 2005</p>

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<p>poultry retail licences or tenancies</p>	<p>11 January 2005</p>	<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>The Administration to provide the latest statistics on the number of retraining courses organised for unemployed live poultry workers whose employers had surrendered their licences/tenancies and the number of attendees.</p>	<p>was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>9. Public Health and Municipal</p>	<p>14 December 2004</p>	<p>The Administration to provide information</p>	<p>A letter dated 25 January 2005</p>

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Services (Amendment) Bill		<p>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 breeding places.</p>	<p>was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
10. 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)].	<p>A letter dated 25 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
11. Outcome of public consultation on long-term direction to minimise the risk of human infection of avian influenza	11 January 2005	<p>The Administration to provide –</p> <p>(a) the three submissions from veterinary professional bodies; and</p> <p>(b) the full set of the questionnaires and the results of the three opinion surveys.</p>	<p>A letter dated 25 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
12. Importation of chilled pork	11 January 2005	The Administration to provide information	A letter dated 25 January 2005

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from the Mainland		on countries which have imported chilled meat from the Mainland.	was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
13. Arrangement for removal of dead body	20 January 2005	The Administration to provide information on the current arrangement for the removal of dead body.	A letter dated 25 January 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.