

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 2 March 2005)

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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 24 February 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 4 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 24 February 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 24 February 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 24 February 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 24 February 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 24 February 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 24 February 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 24 February 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 inimize 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 Services (Amendment) Bill</p>	<p>14 December 2004</p>	<p>The Administration to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) similar provisions in overseas legislation on enforcement action against mosquito breeding; and</p>	<p>A letter dated 24 February 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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		(b) breeding places identified by District Anti-Mosquito Task Force which were government land and the measures taken to eliminate the breeding places.	
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)].	A letter dated 24 February 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
11. Outcome of public consultation on long-term direction to minimize the risk of human infection of avian influenza	11 January 2005	The Administration to provide – (a) the three submissions from veterinary professional bodies; and (b) the full set of the questionnaires and the results of the three opinion surveys.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)812/04-05 dated 4 February 2005.
12. Importation of chilled pork from the Mainland	11 January 2005	The Administration to provide information on countries which have imported chilled	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to

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		meat from the Mainland.	members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)986/04-05 dated 2 March 2005.
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.	The Administration has provided the information in its paper for the meeting on 1 February 2005 under agenda item III (LC Paper No. CB(2) 759/04-05(03).
14. Notification system between Hong Kong and the Mainland on plant inspection and quarantine issues	1 February 2005	The Administration to provide a paper on the improvement measures to be adopted by Hong Kong and the Mainland authorities.	A letter dated 24 February 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.