

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 5 May 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 4 May 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.</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 between the costs devoted to the surveillance and control of the</p>	<p>A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>The views were further discussed at the Panel meetings on 11 January and 14 March 2005 in the context of its overall plan to reduce the risk of avian influenza</p>

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		<p>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>outbreaks in Hong Kong.</p>
<p>3. Discovery of <i>Vibrio Cholerae</i> 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 <i>Vibrio Cholerae</i> in PARKnSHOP's Pok Fu Lam Shop upon completion of the investigation.</p>	<p>A letter dated 4 May 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"; and</p>	<p>A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</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>

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		(c) licensing requirements of the private clubs as compared with those for the "private kitchens".	
5. Measures against avian influenza (AI)	10 March 2004	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.	A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
6. Resumption of importation of live chickens	27 April 2004	The Administration to look into whether there was a market manipulation problem in the live chicken market.	A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. 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 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
8. Voluntary surrender of live	11 January 2005	The Administration to provide the latest	A letter dated 4 May 2005 was

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poultry retail licences or tenancies		statistics on the number of retraining courses for unemployed live poultry workers whose employers had surrendered their licences/tenancies and the number of attendees.	issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
9. Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill	14 December 2004	The Administration to provide information on – (a) similar provisions in overseas legislation on enforcement action against mosquito breeding; and (b) breeding places identified by District Anti-Mosquito Task Force which were government land and the measures taken to eliminate the breeding places.	A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
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 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
11. Suspension of issue of licence to food premises operating	8 March 2005	The Administration to provide information on time taken on those cases FEHD had	A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the

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without licence		successfully applied for closure orders from the court on unlicensed food premises.	Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
12. "Closed season" for fishing	8 March 2005 26 April 2005	The Administration to seek clarification from the Mainland whether the Mainland had intention to abolish the "closed season" policy. The Administration to provide information on the review findings of the effectiveness of implementing closed season policy in the Mainland.	A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
13. Prohibition of abstraction of seawater from specified areas adjacent to the coast	15 April 2005	The Administration to provide the test results of the samples taken from well water in the past year.	A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.
14. Labelling scheme on nutrition information	15 April 2005	The Administration to provide information on the Mainland's consultation document on food nutrition labelling requirements.	The information was downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Health, People's Republic of China and circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 1449/04-05 dated 4 May 2005.

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15. Establishment of framework to regulate fishing activities	26 April 2005	The Administration to provide information on the overseas countries which had prohibited demersal trawling activities.	A letter dated 4 May 2005 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response. Response awaited.

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