

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 11 October 2004)

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.	Response awaited. The Panel may wish to follow up the issue in the context of the review of food business licensing (item 7(b) of the list of issues suggested to be considered).
2. Team Clean's further report on measures to improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong	15 August 2003	The Administration to provide the following information - (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; (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;	Response awaited.

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		<p>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>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>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>(c) licensing requirements of the private clubs as compared with those for the "private kitchens".</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

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5. Measures against avian influenza (AI)	10 March 2004	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) import of live, chilled and frozen poultry; (b) development of local hatchery operation; and (c) review of existing regulatory framework for local poultry farming. <p>The Administration was also requested to provide the criteria and the timetable for implementation, as well as the scientific basis in support of its proposals.</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>Response to (b) and (c) and the remainder awaited.</p>
6. Resumption of importation of live chickens	27 April 2004	<p>The Administration to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 	<p>Regarding (a), the response provided by the Administration was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 3118/03-04(01) on 19 July 2004.</p> <p>Response to (b) awaited.</p>

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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.	Response awaited.
8. Measures to prevent ciguatera poisoning cases	13 July 2004	The Administration to provide information on the live fish regulatory systems of other countries.	Response awaited. The Panel may wish to follow up the issue in the context of control of importation, landing and sale of live fish (item 4 of the list of issues suggested to be considered).