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*Legislative Council*

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**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**held on Thursday, 13 October 2005 at 9:50 am**  
**in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members Present** : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Chairman)  
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

**Members Absent** : Hon Bernard CHAN, JP  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP  
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

**Clerk in Attendance** : Mrs Constance LI  
Chief Council Secretary (2)5

**Staff in Attendance** : Mrs Justina LAM  
Assistant Secretary General 2

Miss Betty MA  
Senior Council Secretary (2)1

Miss Josephine SO  
Council Secretary (2)1

Ms Anna CHEUNG  
Legislative Assistant (2)5

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**I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2005-06 session**

Election of Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2005-06 session. The Chairman was nominated by Mr Andrew CHENG and the nomination was seconded by Dr KWOK Ka-ki. The Chairman accepted the nomination.

2. As the incumbent Chairman was nominated, Mr WONG Yung-kan, the Deputy Chairman, presided over the election of the Chairman. As there was no other nomination, Mr WONG Yung-kan declared Mr Fred LI elected as Chairman of the Panel. Mr Fred LI then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2005-06 session. Mr WONG Yung-kan was nominated by Mr TAM Yiu-chung and the nomination was seconded by Mr Vincent FANG. Mr WONG Yung-kan accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr WONG Yung-kan elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

**II. Schedule of meetings for the 2005-06 session**

5. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The Clerk would issue the schedule of meetings for the 2005-06 session.

Clerk

*(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 38/05-06).*

**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**

[Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2) 3/05-06]

6. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting on 8 November 2005 –

- (a) measures to streamline the food business licensing procedures; and
- (b) anti-rodent Campaign 2006.

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(*Post-meeting note* : At the request of the Administration, item (a) will be replaced by “Crematorium and Columbarium Facilities”.)

7. The Chairman said that the Administration had provided an information paper on the regulatory control of restricted dining place in September 2005 in which it proposed to introduce a new category of food business to cover the operation of restricted dining place. The Chairman suggested that the Panel should discuss the Administration’s proposal at the next regular meeting. Members agreed.

8. Mr Vincent FANG said that following the discovery of the presence of malachite green in freshwater fish in August 2005, the Panel had held a number of special meetings in August and September 2005 to discuss the supply and regulation of freshwater fish. Mr FANG considered that the Panel should follow up the issue and request the Administration to brief members on the latest development of the supply and regulation of freshwater fish, in particular the import of freshwater fish from the Mainland via Man Kam To Control Point. Members agreed that the item be added to the agenda of the next regular meeting on 8 November 2005.

9. The Chairman added that the Panel could hold special meetings whenever necessary.

#### **IV. Any other business**

##### Subcommittee to Study the Streamlining of Food Business Licensing

10. The Chairman said that a subcommittee was formed under the Panel in 2004-05 session to study the streamlining of food business licensing. The Chairman sought members’ views on whether the Subcommittee should continue its work in the 2005-06 session.

11. Mr Andrew CHENG and Mr WONG Yung-kan said that while they had no strong views on whether the Subcommittee should continue its work in the current session, they considered that given the small membership of the Subcommittee, it was often difficult to form a quorum. Mr CHENG and Mr WONG considered that matters relating to streamlining of food business licensing should be followed up by the Panel. Mr TAM Yiu-chung concurred with Mr CHENG and Mr WONG.

12. Mr Vincent FANG informed members that the Economic and Employment Committee (EEC) chaired by the Financial Secretary had put forward proposals on streamlining the food business licensing. He considered it unnecessary for the Subcommittee to duplicate its work with EEC in this regard.

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13. The Chairman said that in the light of members' views, matters relating to streamlining of food business licensing would be discussed and followed up by the Panel. Members agreed.

14. The Chairman reminded members that the next Panel meeting would be held at 9:35 am on 17 October 2005 to receive a briefing by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2005-06.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:00 am.

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