

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 8 June 2007)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. 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.	Note
2. Suspension of issue of licence to food premises operating without licence	8 March 2005	The Administration to provide information on time taken on those cases FEHD had successfully applied for closure orders from the court on unlicensed food premises.	- ditto -
3. Supply and regulation of freshwater fish	8 November 2005	The Administration to provide information on the types of fish supplied by the 26 registered fish farms.	- ditto -
4. Proposed demerit points system for licensed food premises	6 April 2006	<p>The Administration to provide -</p> <p>(a) statistics on successful and unsuccessful prosecutions which FEHD had made against licensed food premises and the penalty awarded in these cases in the past five years; and</p> <p>(b) information on the number of food poisoning cases in Asian countries</p>	- ditto -

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		and the USA, and the extent of such problem as compared to Hong Kong.	
5. Enforcement actions against street hawking activities	6 April 2006	The Administration to provide the investigation findings on the hawker raiding operation conducted on 29 March 2006 whereupon a man sustained injury as a result of a traffic accident.	- ditto -
6. Pesticide residues in fresh vegetables	20 April 2006	The Administration to provide information on the number of samples of vegetables tested by Vegetable Marketing Organisation which were found to have pesticide residues exceeding permitted levels.	- ditto -
7. Control of unauthorized extension of food business	13 June 2006	The Administration to provide information about the reasons for not being able to take enforcement actions against some complaints of unauthorized extension of food business received in 2005, and the number of repeat offenders for breaching section 34 of the Food Business Regulation and section 4A of Cap. 228.	- ditto -
8. Centre for Food Safety	13 October 2006	The Administration to provide regular reports on the work of the Centre for Food Safety (CFS), including the number of professional staff recruited by the CFS in respect of their fields of disciplines and number of years of professional experience.	Report will be provided at the Panel meeting to be held on 10 July 2007.

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9. The Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulation 2004	14 November 2006	The Administration to provide details of the exemption of drinks with alcoholic strength in respect of the labelling requirements when the Amendment Regulation comes into operation in July 2007.	- ditto -
10. Discovery of malachite green in fish and aquatic food products	14 November 2006	The Administration to provide details of the amount of malachite green contained in the 61 samples that were found to contain malachite green between August 2005 and October 2006.	- ditto -
11. Mainland's poultry eggs exported to USA	30 November 2006	The Administration to provide information on the control measures put in place for the Mainland's poultry eggs exported to USA when it was available from the Mainland authorities.	- ditto -
12. Regulation of racing pigeons	12 December 2006 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Health Services)	The Administration to provide information on the regulatory control measures on racing pigeons in other places, including the Mainland and Taiwan.	- ditto -
13. Crematoria	9 January 2007	The Administration to provide a complete copy of the new guidelines for crematorium staff.	- ditto -
14. Inspection and testing of poultry egg samples	9 January 2007	The Administration to provide the number of poultry egg samples taken for testing in 2006.	- ditto -

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15. Centre for Food Safety	2 February 2007	The Administration to provide the number of CFS' front line staff appointed before February 2007 and after February 2007, and the percentage of front line staff in CFS's staff establishment.	Report will be provided at the Panel meeting to be held on 10 July 2007.
16. Trade Descriptions Ordinance	13 February 2007	The Administration to provide information on the penalties for breaching the provision on trade descriptions under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance.	- ditto -
17. Oilfish samples bought by the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	13 February 2007	The Administration to provide information on the source/supplier of the two oilfish samples bought by CUHK after the trade agreed to stop selling oilfish.	- ditto -
18. Disposal of oilfish stock	13 February 2007	The Administration to provide information in respect of the quantity of oilfish stock returned to the suppliers and destroyed by the trade.	- ditto -
19. Application for scattering cremated human ashes at sea	13 March 2007	The Administration to provide information on the details of the approving conditions to be imposed before announcing the procedures for processing applications for the scattering of human ashes at sea in April 2007.	- ditto -
20. Centre for Food Safety	10 April 2007	The Administration to provide supplementary information on targeted food surveillance after CFS had collated more views on this subject.	Report will be provided at the Panel meeting to be held on 10 July 2007.

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21. Centre for Food Safety	8 May 2007	The Administration to provide a response on its follow-up actions in respect of the Consumer Council's test results and recommendations on the level of arsenic in dried food in order to safeguard public health and safety.	- ditto -
22. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	8 May 2007	The Administration to provide information on the timetable of the implementation of improvement measures at Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse as listed out in the Annex to the Administration's paper for discussion at the meeting.	- ditto -
23. Environmental Protection Department	8 May 2007 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Home Affairs)	The Administration to provide information on the number of complaints about noise nuisance caused by the existing Castle Peak Wholesale Fish Market in Area 27, Tuen Mun.	Information will be provided as post-meeting note in the minutes of meeting.

Note:

A letter was issued on 30 May 2007 to remind the Administration to provide the respective responses.