

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 11 December 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. 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.	Note
2. 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.	- ditto -
3. 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.	- ditto -
4. 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 -
5. 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 -

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6. 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 and the USA, and the extent of such problem as compared to Hong Kong.</p>	- ditto -
7. 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 -
8. 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 -
9. 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	- ditto -

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		received in 2005, and the number of repeat offenders for breaching section 34 of the Food Business Regulation and section 4A of Cap. 228.	
10. 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.	---
11. 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	---
12. 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.	---

Note:

A letter was issued on 28 November 2006 to remind the Administration to provide the respective responses.