

**Bills Committee on
Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Bill**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 27 October 2009**

- (1) To refine the Chinese rendition of Clause 3(2)(a).
- (2) To advise whether the exemptions granted by Secretary for the Environment (SEN) under Clause 42 are subsidiary legislation, and whether consultation with the expert group and the public would be conducted in advance. To also explain the legal and practical effects of the other provisions of the Bill on the person(s), group(s) or genetically modified organism (GMO)(s) which are exempted from the application of Clauses 5, 7 and 23 of the Bill.
- (3) To advise the specific subsidiary legislation to be made under the Bill, and provide the relevant drafts to the Bills Committee, if available.
- (4) To consider including in Clause 43 the possible sectors from which members to the expert group might be appointed.
- (5) To consider the need for a new clause to provide for the requirement under Clause 46 for documentation in relation to the import and export of a GMO intended for direct consumption as food or feed or for processing, which is not a subject of control under the Bill according to Clause 7(1)(b).
- (6) To include in the speech to be delivered by SEN at the Resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill the policy intent that enforcement would mainly focus on the control of import of GMOs and target at large enterprises producing or using GMOs, and that members of the public (such as schools and hospitals) who might have inadvertently grown or kept GMOs would not be the target group of enforcement. To also include in the speech an undertaking that the gist of the operation manual for enforcement officers will be made available for public inspection, as well as a clarification on the powers of entry and inspection in relation to premises used exclusively as a dwelling house.