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Administration)

**Subcommittee on
Food Business (Amendment) Regulation 2008**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 23 October 2008, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Public Officers attending : Ms Olivia NIP Sai-lan, JP
Deputy Secretary for Food and Health (Food)

Mr Owin FUNG Ho-yin
Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Food)³

Ms Alice LAU Yim
Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
(Environmental Hygiene)

Dr LIU Kwei-kin
Assistant Director (Agriculture)
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Ms Leonora IP
Senior Government Counsel
Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance : Miss Mary SO
Chief Council Secretary (2) 5

Staff in attendance : Mr Stephen LAM
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Ms Alice LEUNG
Senior Council Secretary (2) 6

Ms Sandy HAU
Legislative Assistant (2) 5

Action

I. Meeting with the Administration

[Legislative Council Brief issued by the Food and Health Bureau in June 2008, LC Paper No. LS2/08-09, CB(2)96/08-09(02) & (03)]

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

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2. At the request of the Subcommittee, the Administration undertook to consider providing the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene with a discretionary power to exempt live poultry retailers from compliance with the requirement of no live poultry overnight at retail premises in case of adverse weather, say, when typhoon signal no. 8 or above was hoisted or in times of black rainstorm warning.

II. Date of next meeting

3. Members agreed to hold the next meeting on 27 October 2008 at 8:30 am.

4. As the deadline for giving notice to amend the Food Business (Amendment) Regulation 2008 was 29 October 2008, members agreed that the Chairman would give a verbal report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee to the House Committee on 24 October 2008.

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:20 pm.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Subcommittee on Food Business (Amendment) Regulation 2008
on Thursday, 23 October 2008, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
000000 - 000357	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000358 - 000841	Admin	Briefing by the Administration on the Food Business (Amendment) Regulation 2008 (the Amendment Regulation) [Legislative Council Brief issued by the Food and Health Bureau in June 2008].	
000842 - 001849	Chairman Mr Vincent FANG Admin	Mr FANG's explanation on the operational need of live poultry wholesalers to keep some live chickens overnight in the wholesale market.	
001850 - 002543	Ms LI Fung-ying Admin Chairman	Ms LI Fung-ying's view that consideration should be given to allow retailers to keep live chickens overnight at retail outlets in case of adverse weather.	
002544 - 003158	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Admin	Discussion on the insufficient supply of live chickens and the soaring retail price of live chickens.	
003159 - 003449	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Chairman	Mr Tommy CHEUNG's view on the "no live poultry overnight" arrangement at retail outlets and his concern over the implementation of such arrangement in case of adverse weather.	
003450 - 005026	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Admin Chairman Mr Fred LI Ms Audrey EU	Members' concerns and views on the supply of live chickens.	
005027 - 005748	Mr WONG Kwok-hing Admin	Discussion on the suggestion of segregating live chickens left overnight in the wholesale market to avoid cross infection.	
005749 - 010253	Ms Cyd HO Chairman Admin	The Administration's response to Ms Cyd HO's question on why banning live chickens overnight was not imposed at the wholesale market.	
010254 - 011526	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Chairman Mr Vincent FANG Admin	Members' view that the supply of live chickens should be determined by the market.	
011527 - 012230	Chairman Admin Mr WONG Ting-kwong	The Administration's response to the Chairman's suggestion on conducting a review on the "no live poultry overnight" arrangement at retail outlets.	

Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
012231 - 012619	Ms LI Fung-ying Admin Chairman	Ms LI Fung-ying's reiteration of her view on the "no live poultry overnight" arrangement at retail outlets in case of adverse weather.	
012620 - 014226	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Clerk Ms Cyd HO Admin Mr WONG Ting-kwong ALA4	The Administration's undertaking to provide a response to some members' suggestion to dispense live poultry retailers with the requirements of no live poultry overnight in case of adverse weather. Members' agreement to hold another meeting on 27 October 2008.	Admin to provide a response (para. 2 of the minutes)
014227 - 015031	Admin Ms LI Fung-ying Chairman Ms Cyd HO Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Section-by-section examination of the Amendment Regulation. Ms Cyd HO's concern about the penalty level for failure to comply with the requirements under the Amendment Regulation.	

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