

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
List of follow-up actions
(position as at 9 April 2009)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. 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 the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) had successfully applied for closure orders from the court on unlicensed food premises.	Response awaited.
2. Proposed demerit points system for licensed food premises	6 April 2006	The Administration to provide - (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 (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.	-ditto-
3. 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-
4. 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	-ditto-

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		food business received in 2005, and the number of repeat offenders for breaching section 34 of the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X) and section 4A of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228).	
5. 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-
6. 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-
7. Public cemeteries	12 October 2007	The Administration to provide a summary of improvement measures that have been implemented to improve the management and operation of public cemeteries since 2004.	-ditto-
8. Food business licenses	8 January 2008	The Administration to provide information on the work flow for processing of applications and subsequent audit checks.	-ditto-
9. Licensing conditions for animal traders licence (ATL)	13 May 2008	The Administration to advise/confirm the following - (a) the duration of the processing time for each of the recent applications for ATL received from pet breeders;	-ditto-

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		<p>(b) whether it was legally in order to set up a pet breeding farm in farmland and whether the suggestion of granting a special waiver to the existing pet breeding farms which were located in farmland would be considered; and</p> <p>(c) whether the suggestions of providing a performance pledge and a "one-stop-service" for approving ATL applications would be considered.</p>	
10. Labelling of genetically modified (GM) food	8 July 2008	The Administration to provide information on countries which have adopted a GM food labelling scheme (either a mandatory or a voluntary scheme).	-ditto-
11. Unauthorised display of bills and posters in public places	9 December 2008	<p>The Administration to provide -</p> <p>(a) an assessment of the implementation of the new enforcement and prosecution approach in relation to unauthorised display of bills and posters in public places (the new enforcement and prosecution approach) on the business environment;</p> <p>(b) the legal opinions on the implications of the new enforcement and prosecution approach; and</p>	-ditto-

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		(c) information on the task group set up by the Police to deal with the new enforcement and prosecution approach.	
12. Legislative timetable for the Food Safety Bill and the Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill	10 March 2009	The Administration to - (a) provide information on the frequency of inspections to registered vegetable farms and registered collection stations in the Mainland made by FEHD staff and the last time such inspections were made; (b) check whether the quantity of vegetables supplied to Hong Kong exceeded the production capacity of the registered vegetable farms in the Mainland.	-ditto-