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**Proposed amendments to motion on
“Reviewing the existing policy on live poultry in Hong Kong”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 637/09-10 issued on 28 April 2010, three Members (Hon WONG Kwok-hing, Hon WONG Yung-kan and Hon Fred LI Wah-ming) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Vincent FANG Kang’s motion on “Reviewing the existing policy on live poultry in Hong Kong” scheduled for the Council meeting of 12 May 2010. As directed by the President, the respective proposed amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon Vincent FANG to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Vincent FANG’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the three Members, who intend to move amendments, to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon WONG Kwok-hing;
 - (ii) Hon WONG Yung-kan; and
 - (iii) Hon Fred LI;

- (d) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) to speak;
- (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
- (f) the President gives leave to Hon Vincent FANG to speak for the second time on the amendments;
- (g) the President calls upon the designated public officer(s) again to speak;
- (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the three Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon WONG Kwok-hing to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment;
- (i) after Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other two amendments; and
- (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Vincent FANG to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Vincent FANG's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' ease of reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

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for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Reviewing the existing policy on live poultry in Hong Kong”
to be held at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 12 May 2010**

1. Hon Vincent FANG Kang’s original motion

That, in view of the remark made publicly by the Secretary for Food and Health that the risks of avian influenza outbreaks have been significantly reduced, coupled with the fact that there has not been a case of indigenous human avian influenza in Hong Kong since 1997 and there was no case of avian influenza outbreak in local farms and Mainland farms which supply chickens to Hong Kong in the past one and a half years; on the other hand, there is still a strong demand for live chickens among Hong Kong people and that quite a number of people express the wish to buy live chickens at affordable prices through more convenient channels, especially during major traditional Chinese festivals; in this connection, this Council urges the Government:

- (a) to review the existing policy on live poultry supply so as to reduce market intervention by administrative means and to appropriately increase the supply of live poultry according to market demand under safe and reasonable conditions, with a view to alleviating the pressure of price increases in live poultry and satisfying people’s needs for live poultry as far as possible;
- (b) to faithfully implement the usual practice of the Food and Health Bureau to maintain the quantity of daily market supply of live poultry from the Mainland and local farms at similar levels;
- (c) to continuously maintain the usual practice for the live poultry trade in the past by appropriately increasing the supply of live poultry from the Mainland to Hong Kong according to market demand during major traditional Chinese festivals under safe circumstances, so as to meet people’s special needs in those festivals; and
- (d) to re-assess the need to develop a live poultry slaughtering centre in Hong Kong with regard to economic benefits and risk levels.

2. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing

That, ~~in view of~~ *given that Hong Kong has been effective in preventing avian influenza and* the remark made publicly by the Secretary for Food and Health that the risks of avian influenza outbreaks have been significantly reduced, coupled with the fact that there has not been a case of indigenous human avian influenza in Hong Kong

since 1997 and there was no case of avian influenza outbreak in local farms and Mainland farms which supply chickens to Hong Kong in the past one and a half years; on the other hand, there is still a strong demand for live chickens among Hong Kong people and that quite a number of people express the wish to buy live chickens at affordable prices through more convenient channels, especially during major traditional Chinese festivals; in this connection, this Council urges the Government:

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- (b) to faithfully implement the usual practice of the Food and Health Bureau to maintain the quantity of daily market supply of live poultry from the Mainland and local farms at similar levels;
- (c) to continuously maintain the usual practice for the live poultry trade in the past by appropriately increasing the supply of live poultry from the Mainland to Hong Kong according to market demand during major traditional Chinese festivals under safe circumstances, so as to meet people's special needs in those festivals; ~~and~~
- (d) to re-assess the need to develop a live poultry slaughtering centre in Hong Kong with regard to economic benefits and risk levels; *and*
- (e) *to seriously consolidate the successful and valuable operational experience of the local live poultry trade in being able to continue to raise, distribute, retail, transport and slaughter live poultry, etc., when facing unprecedented difficulties, and on the basis of such foundation and experience, to promote the development of a new form of local live poultry trade to bring about an increase in the local supply of live poultry while creating more new opportunities for setting up businesses and employment.*

Note: Hon WONG Kwok-hing's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Hon WONG Yung-kan

That, *in order to prevent avian influenza, the SAR Government had continuously tightened the policy on raising and selling live poultry for a period of time in the past, resulting in a substantial shrinkage in the scale of the trade and causing hardships to the trade in running businesses;* in view of the remark made publicly by the Secretary for Food and Health *earlier* that the risks of avian influenza outbreaks have been significantly reduced, coupled with the fact that there has not been a case of

indigenous human avian influenza in Hong Kong since 1997 and there was no case of avian influenza outbreak in local farms and Mainland farms which supply chickens to Hong Kong in the past one and a half years; on the other hand, there is still a strong demand for live chickens among Hong Kong people and that quite a number of people express the wish to buy live chickens at affordable prices through more convenient channels, especially during major traditional Chinese festivals; in this connection, this Council urges the Government:

- (a) to review the existing policy on live poultry supply so as to reduce market intervention by administrative means and to appropriately increase the supply of live poultry according to market demand under safe and reasonable conditions, ***and to appropriately raise the ceiling on the quantity of live poultry raised in local farms***, with a view to alleviating the pressure of price increases in live poultry and satisfying people's needs for live poultry as far as possible;
- (b) to faithfully implement the usual practice of the Food and Health Bureau to maintain the quantity of daily market supply of live poultry from the Mainland and local farms at similar levels;
- (c) to continuously maintain the usual practice for the live poultry trade in the past by appropriately increasing the supply of live poultry from the Mainland to Hong Kong according to market demand during major traditional Chinese festivals under safe circumstances, so as to meet people's special needs in those festivals; ~~and~~
- (d) to re-assess the need to develop a live poultry slaughtering centre in Hong Kong with regard to economic benefits and risk levels; ***and***
- (e) ***to strengthen the monitoring of avian influenza on a farm-to-retail basis, and to allocate additional resources to improve the hygiene of wholesale markets and public markets and to expeditiously improve the ventilating systems and install additional air-conditioning facilities in public markets, etc., so as to comprehensively raise the standard of hygiene in selling live poultry, thereby enabling people to continue to consume safely live poultry.***

Note: Hon WONG Yung-kan's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

That, ***Hong Kong has bitterly experienced outbreaks of avian influenza since the reunification, but*** in view of the remark made publicly by the Secretary for Food and Health that the risks of avian influenza outbreaks have been significantly reduced, coupled with the fact that there has not been a case of indigenous human avian

influenza in Hong Kong since 1997 and there was no case of avian influenza outbreak in local farms and Mainland farms which supply chickens to Hong Kong in the past one and a half years; on the other hand, there is still a strong demand for live chickens among Hong Kong people and that quite a number of people express the wish to buy live chickens at affordable prices through more convenient channels, especially during major traditional Chinese festivals; in this connection, this Council urges the Government:

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- (b) to faithfully implement the usual practice of the Food and Health Bureau to maintain the quantity of daily market supply of live poultry from the Mainland and local farms at similar levels;
- (c) to continuously maintain the usual practice for the live poultry trade in the past by appropriately increasing the supply of live poultry from the Mainland to Hong Kong according to market demand during major traditional Chinese festivals under safe circumstances, so as to meet people's special needs in those festivals; ~~and~~
- (d) to re-assess the need to develop a live poultry slaughtering centre in Hong Kong with regard to economic benefits and risk levels; *and*
- (e) *to consider, while flexibly increasing the supply of live poultry, studying the introduction of a policy of banning overnight stocking of live poultry in wholesale markets to further reduce the risks of avian influenza outbreaks.*

Note: Hon Fred LI Wah-ming's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.