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# Subcommittee on Order made under Section 78B of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance

# Safety of animal feed in Hong Kong

#### **Purpose**

This paper provides information on the safety of animal feed in Hong Kong in light of the nuclear power plant incident in Japan.

# **Background**

2. At the meeting on 21 April 2011, this Subcommittee expressed concern about the import of potentially contaminated crops from Japan as animal feed in Hong Kong.

## **Situation in Hong Kong**

- 3. All feed used in local pig and chicken farms are imported mostly from USA, Mainland China and Brazil. Local pig and chicken farmers do not use any feed from Japan. As regards feed for local fish farmers, most are imported from Guangdong, Taiwan or the European Union. There is no import of feed for local aquaculture from Japan.
- 4. Notwithstanding paragraph 3, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has advised local farmers not to buy feed from areas affected by the recent nuclear power plant accident in Japan.
- 5. The Administration will closely monitor the situation and take prompt action in response to the development of the nuclear plant incident in Japan.

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