

**LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Follow-up arising from meeting on 12 April 2011**

**Supplementary Information Note:
Police Checks on Liquor-Licensed Premises**

Police enforcement actions on liquor-licensed premises are based on a spectrum of considerations which primarily include enforcement of liquor licensing conditions and tackling crimes.

2. Officers conducting a liquor licence check or responding to incidents at liquor-licensed premises will check on the following and record any irregularities observed-

- whether the licensee is present and if not, the reason for his absence;
- whether the premises is operating within the terms of the liquor licence,
- any under-age patrons found consuming alcohol at the premises;
- any fire hazard;
- any excessive noise;
- any change of shop sign without approval;
- any drugs activities; and
- any immoral activities.

Depending on the nature and seriousness of the observed irregularity or breach of licensing conditions, Police officers may take necessary actions such as giving advice or verbal warning to the liquor licensee, issuing summons, making an arrest, or making referrals to other relevant departments for follow-up.

3. The Police also carries out inspections on liquor-licensed premises jointly with other government departments (including Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Fire Services Department, Buildings Department and Environmental Protection Department) from time to time to ensure the premises comply with their licensing conditions as well as applicable requirements under relevant ordinances, e.g. those relating to control on smoking and noise.