

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 8 December 2010)

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.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in December 2010.
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.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in the first or second quarter of 2011.

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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.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in the first or second quarter of 2011.
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 food business received in 2005, and the number of repeat offenders for breaching section 34C of the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X) and section 4A of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228).	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in December 2010.
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.	The relevant information will be incorporated into the panel paper on regulation of poultry eggs scheduled for April 2011.
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.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in the first or second quarter of 2011.

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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.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in the first or second quarter of 2011.
8. Food business licenses	8 January 2008	The Administration to provide information on the work flow for processing of applications and subsequent audit checks.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in December 2010.
9. Licensing conditions for animal traders licence ("ATL")	13 May 2008	<p>The Administration to advise/confirm the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the duration of the processing time for each of the recent applications for ATL received from pet breeders; (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 (c) whether the suggestions of providing a performance pledge and a "one-stop-service" for approving ATL applications would be considered. 	The relevant information will be covered in the paper on proposed measures to enhance animal welfare scheduled for the second quarter of 2011.

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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).	Research is still underway and the relevant information will be provided to the Panel once ready.
11. Unauthorised display of bills and posters in public places	9 December 2008	<p>The Administration to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (b) the legal opinions on the implications of the new enforcement and prosecution approach; and (c) information on the task group set up by the Police to deal with the new enforcement and prosecution approach. 	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in the first or second quarter of 2011.

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12. Follow-up discussion on review on hawker licensing policy	14 April 2009	The Administration was requested to provide information on responses to applications for the new Itinerant (Frozen Confectionery) Hawker Licences.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in December 2010.
13. Regulation of pet shops and pet breeders	9 June 2009	<p>The Administration to –</p> <p>(a) provide details of the additional Animal Traders License ("ATL") conditions for pet shops and the number of dogs and cats euthanized by the Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("HKSPCA") in the past three years;</p> <p>(b) provide members with the additional ATL conditions before implementation in the fourth quarter of 2009;</p> <p>(c) provide information on the yearly numbers of dogs and cats which were microchipped vis-à-vis the numbers of dogs and cats euthanized by AFCD and HKSPCA; and</p> <p>(d) confirm whether the suggestion of providing a timetable for requiring pet shops to source animals, other</p>	<p>For (b), the Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)604/09-10(01) dated 22 December 2009.</p> <p>For items (a), (c) and (d), the relevant information will be covered in the paper on proposed measures to enhance animal welfare scheduled for the second quarter of 2011.</p>

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		than dogs, from specified sources would be considered.	
14. Enhanced measures to step up environmental hygiene to combat human swine influenza ("HSI")	9 March 2010	The Administration to provide a written report to the Panel after the completion of the initiatives for environmental hygiene improvement to combat HSI.	This item will be discussed at the Panel meeting in January 2011.
15. Licensing of bootblack hawkers	14 July 2009	The Administration to provide information on the number of prosecutions taken against unlicensed hawkers by trade and by district over the past three years.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in December 2010.
16. Alignment of public market tenancy agreements	8 December 2009	The Administration to provide a paper setting out the source of each and every clause in the new tenancy agreement template.	The relevant information will be issued to the Panel in December 2010.
17. Enforcement actions under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172)	21 June 2010 (special meeting)	The Administration was requested to provide - (a) the details of the legal advice sought from the Department of Justice regarding the applicability of the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172) ("PPEO"), including what the legal advice was, in what way and when the legal advice was provided, as well as the	Response from the Home Affairs Bureau awaited.

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		<p>capacity of the public officer who provided the legal advice;</p> <p>(b) a chronology of events relating to the operations, including the course of actions taken on the date when FEHD learnt about the organisers' intention to display some exhibits at Times Square;</p> <p>(c) a copy of the undertaking that the Police requested the organisers to sign for the returning of the exhibits; and</p> <p>(d) information on applications for Places of Public Entertainment Licence for the display of art items.</p>	
18. Review of columbarium policy	15 October 2010	The Administration was requested to provide information on the details of the public columbarium projects impeded due to objection from District Councils ("DCs") and local communities in the past ten years.	The Chinese and the English version of the Administration's response was issued to members via LC Paper No. CB(2)218/10-11(01) dated 5 November 2010 and LC Paper No. CB(2)367/10-11 dated 23 November 2010 respectively.

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19. Conversion of aqua privies ("APs") into flushing toilets – Phase 7 (the Final Phase)	9 November 2010	The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with an annual progress report on the conversion plan for those 53 APs not included in the conversion programme and the consultation outcome with the relevant DCs, if any.	Return is not due until November 2011.

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