Administration's Response to List of Follow-up Actions Arising from the Discussion on Food Trucks at the Meeting of Subcommittee on Hawker Policy on 14 April 2015

Below is the Administration's response to the list of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on food trucks at the meeting of the Subcommittee on Hawker Policy on 14 April 2015 –

- Food Trucks are a new initiative put forth by the Financial (a)(i-iii) Secretary in his 2015-16 Budget Speech. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) has, in collaboration with the Food and Health Bureau (FHB), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the Transport Department and other relevant bureaux and departments, started studying such aspects as vehicle specifications and requirements, licensing requirements, mode of operation, food environmental hygiene, etc., with a view to bringing in more diverse delicacies for tourists and citizens. At this stage, we are actively collecting and looking into the practices and experiences of overseas countries (e.g. North America, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Europe, Australia, etc.). The timetable and detailed plan for implementation, including licensing, mode of operation, types of food to be sold, requirements of applicant, size of vehicle, etc., will be subject to the outcome of the study and whether legislative amendment is required.
- (iv) In respect of the selling of cooked food, FHB and FEHD have put up some proposals to the Subcommittee on Hawker Policy under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene for discussion (LC Paper No. CB(4)561/14-15(01)).

FHB and FEHD are prepared to consider, on a pilot basis, issuing new Dai Pai Tong licences, for the operation of on-street fixed-pitches selling cooked food or light refreshment subject to the support of the relevant DCs, and consider converting an existing public market with a low occupancy rate into an off-street cooked food centre, which would provide operating space for individual cooked food vendors to provide traditional Dai Pai Tong type of cooked meals, traditional snacks or other forms of light refreshment.

FHB and FEHD have pointed out as one of the principles for hawker policy formulation that "[r]egulatory and supportive measures should be put in place with a view to upholding our commitment to ensuring food safety, and maintaining a clean and hygienic living environment for the people of Hong Kong, especially for those residing in the vicinity of areas designated for hawking".

(b) CEDB notes that a district-led and bottom-up approach for promoting hawking activities has been proposed by FHB and **FEHD** in the above document (LC Paper No. CB(4)561/14-15(01)). FHB and FEHD will facilitate liaison with the relevant bureaux and departments for proposals with community consensus. CEDB will collaborate with FHB and FEHD in providing advice and assistance when required.

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