

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 4 December 2014)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Enforcement actions under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172)</p>	<p>21 June 2010 (special meeting)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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), including what the legal advice was, in what way and when the legal advice was provided, as well as the capacity of the public officer who provided the legal advice; (b) a chronology of events relating to the operations, including the course of actions taken on the date when the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department learnt about the organizers' intention to display some exhibits at Times Square; (c) a copy of the undertaking that the Police requested the organizers to sign for the returning of the exhibits; and 	<p>Response from the Home Affairs Bureau awaited.</p>

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		(d) information on applications for Places of Public Entertainment Licence for the display of art items.	
2. Food surveillance programme	11 March 2014	The Administration was requested to provide information on the maximum permitted concentrations for heavy metals and other harmful substances in food according to the respective standards adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Europe Union, the Mainland, the United States and Hong Kong.	Response from the Administration awaited.
3. Regulation of pet trading	8 July 2014	As regards the proposed requirement of animal breeders to attend compulsory training, the Administration was requested to provide information about the training programmes, including such as the content of the programmes; and whether and how the breeders would be assessed after completion of such programmes.	Response from the Administration awaited.
4. Supply of vegetables and food safety issues following the implementation of the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation	3 September 2014 (special meeting)	The Administration was requested to provide information on - (a) the arrangement between the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS") and the Mainland authorities for inspection visits to registered farms/production and processing	The Administration will address the issues concerned in its discussion paper for the Panel meeting scheduled for 9 December 2014.

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		<p>establishments for supplying vegetables to Hong Kong, including (i) the criteria for selecting farms/production and processing establishments for inspection visits; (ii) the communication mechanism with the relevant Mainland authorities in respect of the arrangement of inspection visits to registered farms/production and processing establishments; and (iii) whether and what enhancements on the existing arrangement would be considered to exercise better control at source;</p> <p>(b) the enforcement actions taken by CFS and/or the Customs and Excise Department ("C&ED") against smuggling of vegetables from farms/production and processing establishments in the Mainland which were not registered for supplying vegetables to Hong Kong, including (i) the number of cases detected over the past three years; (ii) the quantity of vegetables detected in each case; and (iii) the penalties imposed on these cases; and</p> <p>(c) the operation of the Pesticide Residues Laboratory managed by the Vegetable Market Organization at the Cheung Sha</p>	

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		<p>Wan Wholesale Vegetable Market, including (i) the number of samples taken and the type of tests carried out by the laboratory over the past 12 months; and (ii) the results of the tests (such as the number of samples not meeting local food safety standards and the food safety standard(s) involved).</p>	
	<p>25 September 2014 (special meeting)</p>	<p>Regarding CFS's announcements on 28 August and 24 September 2014 respectively that excessive pesticide residues were found in vegetable samples, the Administration was requested to provide further information including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the progress made by the Administration in tracing the source of origin of the problem vegetables; and (b) whether follow-up actions had been taken/would be taken against the source farm(s) supplying problem vegetables to Hong Kong; if so, the details (including whether the list of the source farm(s) supplying problem vegetables to Hong Kong had been/would be publicized). 	<p>The Administration will address the issues concerned in its discussion paper for the Panel meeting scheduled for 9 December 2014.</p>

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<p>5. Follow-up measures on problem food products produced by Husi food factory in Shanghai</p>	<p>3 September 2014 (special meeting)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(a) provide information on the time taken by each of the nine food chains (namely McDonald's Restaurants (Hong Kong) Limited, Pizza Hut, IKEA, Yoshinoya Hong Kong, Burger King, Starbucks, KFC, 7-Eleven and Subway) in responding to (i) CFS's enquiries about whether they had imported food from Husi plants in the Mainland; and/or (ii) CFS's requests for providing the required transaction records on food imported from Husi plants in the Mainland;</p> <p>(b) provide a written response to concerns raised by some members at the informal briefing conducted by the Administration on 28 July 2014 for the update on problem food products produced by Husi Food Company Limited in the Mainland, including (i) whether the Administration would consider increasing the maximum penalties for failure to comply with the record keeping requirements as stipulated in the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612); (ii) whether the Administration would consider specifying the time requirement for food traders to respond to CFS's</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		<p>requests for the required transaction records in case of food incident; and (iii) the follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration in enhancing the regulation of cooked meat; and</p> <p>(c) provide the Panel with information on the results of the investigation into the Husi food factories by the Mainland authorities when the investigation report was made known to the Administration.</p>	
6. Sub-standard lard incident and food safety issues of cooking oil	11 November 2014	Referring to paragraph 19 of the Administration's discussion paper for the meeting about the incorrect export declarations for edible lard made by the three oil exporters between January 2013 and July 2014, the Administration was requested to provide supplementary information in response to members' concern about the investigation work carried out by C&ED and whether these cases involved any breaches of laws and regulations.	Response from the Administration awaited.