

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 12 October 2015)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. 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), 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 (d) information on applications for Places of	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1927/14-15 on 20 July 2015.

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		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 European 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. The new agricultural policy and related supportive measures	13 January 2015	The Administration was requested to provide written response to members' enquiries on the following - (a) the objectives of the proposed new policy on modernization and sustainable development of local agriculture;	The Administration's response was set out in paragraphs 5-8 in the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)1621/14-15(07)) issued on 3 June 2015.

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		<p>(b) the considerations for setting the standard tenancy agreements for prospective tenants in the Agricultural Park ("Agri-Park") to 5-year terms; and</p> <p>(c) whether the prospective tenants in the Agri-Park would be allowed to stay overnight in the Park to facilitate their daily farming work.</p>	
5. Promotion of green burials	14 April 2015	When discussing the item of provision of columbarium and Garden of Remembrance at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun, members requested the Administration to provide information on measures taken and/or to be taken to promote green burial.	The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the subject in November 2015.
6. Proposed legislation for the election of members from the veterinary profession to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong ("VSB")	14 April 2015	The Administration undertook to provide an information paper to report on the results of the consultation with VSB and members of the veterinary profession on the Administration's proposed arrangements for the election of members from the veterinary profession to VSB.	The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the subject in November 2015.
7. Legibility requirement for nutrition labels of the	14 April 2015	When discussing the item of reduction of sugar and salt content in food, there was a request for	Response from the Administration awaited.

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prepackaged food products		the Administration to provide information on the enforcement actions including prosecutions taken against non-compliance with the legibility requirement for nutrition labels of prepackaged food products under the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W) since the publication of the Public Account Committee Report No. 57 in February 2012 which covered, inter alia, food labelling.	
	9 June 2015	The Administration was requested to provide details of the case(s) which involved illegible nutrition label since the issuance of the Trade Guidelines on Preparation of Legible Food Label in May 2012 and the follow-up actions taken by the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS") on the case(s).	Response from the Administration awaited.
8. Declaration requirements for food imported from Japan	12 May 2015	During the discussion on the implementation of the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612), the Administration was requested to provide information on the number of cases that importers did not state the relevant prefecture of Japan where the food came from or provided wrong information on the place of origin in the relevant customs declaration documents since the implementation of the	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		import ban on Japanese food and the follow-up actions taken by CFS on the cases.	
9. Hawker Management and enforcement	12 May 2015	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of complaints received against Hawker Control Teams ("HCT") officers in carrying out enforcement operations and the number of cases that HCT officers were found to have violated the operational guidelines in discharging their duties.	The Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1957/14-15 and CB(2)1960/14-15 on 23 July and 24 July 2015 respectively.
10. Small Volume Exemption ("SVE") scheme for prepackaged food products with annual sales volume of 30 000 units or below	9 June 2015	During the discussion on the implementation of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme, the Administration was requested to provide information on the number of samples of SVE products taken for testing under the annual sampling programme of CFS over the past three years and whether there were any non-compliance cases with the relevant food safety legislation.	Response from the Administration awaited.
11. Implementation of the trawl ban	9 June 2015	The Administration was requested to provide information on - (a) the respective number of fishermen who had engaged in the following modes of	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2056/14-15 on 31 August 2015.

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		<p>fishing operations since the implementation of the trawl ban -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) fishing operations in distant waters outside Hong Kong; (ii) aquaculture and recreational fisheries in Hong Kong; and (iii) remained status quo (i.e. neither engaged in fishing operations in distant waters outside Hong Kong nor switched to aquaculture and recreational fisheries); and <p>(b) whether there were support services provided to assist those fishermen affected by the trawl ban who were not engaged in the above three modes of fishing operations.</p>	
12. Regulation of safety of edible oils	14 July 2015	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of inspections conducted in the past few years on the quality and safety of cooking oils used by restaurants, the inspection results and the follow up actions (including the enforcement actions, if any) taken by the Administration against non-compliance cases.	The Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response were issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2130/14-15(01) on 2 October and 5 October respectively.

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13. Measures to improve the operating environment of public markets	Meetings of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(a) collect views of stall operators in markets without air-conditioning facilities on whether to take forward the retrofitting of air conditioning facilities in their respective markets and provide the Panel with the results (including the percentage of tenants who are in support of the retrofitting of air-conditioning facilities) in the fourth quarter of 2015; and</p> <p>(b) provide the Panel with information on the outcomes of the consultation with the tenants and the Market Management Consultative Committees of the relevant markets (and other markets, if any) on the improvement proposals for six selected markets and the finalized improvement plans.</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.