

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 3 December 2015)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		green burial.	
4. Legibility requirement for nutrition labels of the prepackaged food products	14 April 2015	When discussing the item of reduction of sugar and salt content in food, there was a request for 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.	Response from the Administration awaited.
	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.
5. 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	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		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 import ban on Japanese food and the follow-up actions taken by CFS on the cases.	
6. 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.
7. Measures to improve the operating environment of public markets	Meetings of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets	The Administration was requested to - (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;	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		and  (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.	
8. Consultation with the veterinary profession on the salient features of the proposed rules governing the election of members from the veterinary profession to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong ("VSB")	10 November 2015	The Administration was requested to provide for members' reference a copy of its consultation materials issued to the veterinary profession (such as letters to all registered veterinary surgeons in Hong Kong and relevant veterinary organizations including VSB and the Hong Kong Veterinary Association) inviting views and comments on the salient features of the proposed election rules.	Response from the Administration awaited.