

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 11 April 2016)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Annual report on the Food Surveillance Programme of the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS")	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.
	8 March 2016	In the context of receiving the Administration's briefing on the Food Surveillance Programme in 2015 and the major surveillance results for the period, the Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the following information: (a) its written response to the issues raised in Dr Hon Helena WONG's letter dated 4 March 2016 annexed to the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016; (b) among the 49 prosecutions initiated by the Food and Environmental Hygiene	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>Department ("FEHD") from June 2012 to December 2015 against unlicensed food premises selling food online, the number of successful prosecutions taken out; and</p> <p>(c) whether FEHD had any performance pledge for processing applications for permits for online sale of restricted foods; and if yes, the details.</p>	
2. Regulation of pet trading	8 July 2014	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1195/15-16 on 1 April 2016.</p>
3. Promotion of green burial	14 April 2015	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Administration plans to update the Panel on the promotion of green burial in May 2016.</p>

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4. 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.
5. Consultation with the veterinary profession on the salient features of the proposed rules governing the election of members from the veterinary	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	Response from the Administration awaited.

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profession to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong ("VSB")		VSB and the Hong Kong Veterinary Association) inviting views and comments on the salient features of the proposed election rules.	
6. Expenditure on the "Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home" Campaign conducted between August and September 2015 ("the campaign")	8 December 2015	Noting that a number of events and activities that helped fortify cross-sectoral collaboration and community-wide participation had been conducted during the campaign, members requested the Administration to provide a detailed breakdown of the expenditure on various initiatives, including that on publicity and public education activities to enhance public awareness of their responsibility to upkeep personal, home and community hygiene.	Response from the Administration awaited.
7. Temporary storage facilities for displaced ashes and the provision of new niches	12 January 2016	<p>During the discussion on anticipated issues that must be handled at the initial stage of the implementation of the licensing regime on private columbaria, the Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the following information:</p> <p>(a) details of the existing temporary storage facilities in government cemeteries, columbaria and crematoria for displaced ashes, including the number of</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>temporary storage spaces yet occupied, the application procedures and charge for use of such service, the maximum storage period as well as the procedures for descendants concerned to retrieve/claim back the ashes stored in government temporary storage facilities; and</p> <p>(b) the Government's efforts in facilitating the provision of new niches by religious bodies and non-governmental organizations, and the respective numbers of existing niches and new niches to be provided by these bodies/organizations in the coming few years.</p>	
<p>8. Processing of applications received under the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund ("SFDF")</p>	<p>8 March 2016</p>	<p>During the discussion on the Administration's proposal to establish a \$500 million Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund to provide financial assistance to farmers for modernizing their farming equipment and facilities, the Administration was requested to provide information on the processing progress regarding applications received under SFDF which seeks to promote the sustainable development of the fisheries industry.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1149/15-16 on 23 March 2016.</p>

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9. Implementation of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme	8 March 2016	The Administration was requested to provide detailed information on the publicity and educational programmes conducted by CFS to enhance public understanding of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme and to educate consumers on how to make use of the information available on nutrition labels to make healthier food choices.	Response from the Administration awaited.

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