

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 7 March 2018)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Measures on prevention and control of mosquitos and biting midges	10 January 2017	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) other than the mosquito prevention and control measures already in place, whether any new and more effective measures would be adopted/considered in the Government's anti-mosquito work; and</p> <p>(b) details of the studies on the surveillance of biting midges infestation in Hong Kong conducted by experts and measures taken/to be taken by the Administration to address the problem of biting midges in various districts.</p>	The Administration's response was circulated vide Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(2)859/17-18(01) on 9 February 2018.
	12 December 2017	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) a list of the 269 construction sites against which prosecutions had been instituted by the Food and</p>	

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		<p>Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD")'s District Pest Control Offices for mosquito breeding between late May and late November 2017, and the major types of construction works carried out in those sites;</p> <p>(b) the reasons for the substantial increase in the Area Ovitrap Index for <i>Aedes albopictus</i> recorded in Tseung Kwan O North (i.e. from 1.6% in April 2017 to 55.9% in May 2017) and the corresponding measures taken/ to be taken by FEHD and relevant government departments to tackle the mosquito problem in Tseung Kwan O North; and</p> <p>(c) details of the technical assistance in mosquito prevention and control against Japanese encephalitis ("JE") provided to pig farmers by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in the past few years and whether any new measures had been introduced to prevent outbreak of JE in Hong Kong.</p>	

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2. Rodent prevention and control measures	14 March 2017	The Administration was requested to provide information on how FEHD monitored the situation of rodent infestation in public markets and the targeted measures taken by FEHD to control the rodent problem in public markets.	The Administration's response was circulated vide Annex B to LC Paper No. CB(2)859/17-18(01) on 9 February 2018.
	14 November 2017	The Administration was requested to provide detailed information on the resources and manpower deployed (including the staffing establishment and ranks of the six Dedicated Enforcement Teams) for conducting the 28 926 inspections to prevent and control rodent infestation during the Anti-rodent Campaign 2017 and the average number of FEHD officers involved in each of the inspections.	
3. Proposed amendments to the Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap. 132V) ("the Regulations")	9 January 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) when other major jurisdictions (e.g. Australia, Japan, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) last reviewed/amended /established their standards on metallic contamination in food, whether these jurisdictions had announced any plan/</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>timetable for conducting the next round of review and if yes, the details;</p> <p>(b) whether consideration would be given to the suggestion from the Consumer Council by adopting a food group called "other foods"; and establishing maximum levels for metallic contaminants for "other foods" under which food items such as snack and sugar confectionery, which were not included in the current legislative amendment exercise, would be covered; and</p> <p>(c) the justifications for relaxing the standard for cadmium in leafy vegetables from 0.1 mg/kg to 0.2 mg/kg while tightening the standard for cadmium in bulb vegetables, brassica vegetables, fruiting vegetables (cucurbits) and fruiting vegetables (other than cucurbits) from 0.1 mg/kg to 0.05 mg/kg.</p>	

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4. Work on the review of export control on powdered formulae	9 January 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) among the 60,000,000 kg of powdered formulae imported into Hong Kong in 2016, the volume of powdered formulae re-exported to the Mainland in the same year; and</p> <p>(b) whether consideration would be given to enhancing public education on the nutritional need of infants and young children aged between 12 to 36 months to reduce the reliance of local parents on powdered formulae products.</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.
5. Safety control for imported fruits and vegetables	13 February 2018	<p>During the discussion on the Administration's response to the Office of The Ombudsman's direct investigation report on FEHD's system of safety control for imported fruits and vegetables, members requested the Administration to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) whether the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS") had any plan to collect more samples of fruits, vegetables and related products imported by land/sea for testing under its Food Surveillance</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>Programme and if yes, the anticipated increase in the number of samples to be collected for testing in 2018;</p> <p>(b) regarding the collection of samples of fruits and vegetables in storage compartments of lorries at Man Kam To Food Control Point, details of the new sampling procedure to be adopted by CFS and the respective percentages of samples planned to be taken at different parts of storage compartments of lorries (e.g. near the door of the compartment, at the middle, inner and higher part of the compartment); and</p> <p>(c) details of the testing and inspections (e.g. steps and procedures included) conducted by CFS and/or Vegetable Marketing Organization on (i) local vegetables and (ii) vegetables imported from the Mainland.</p>	

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6. Expansion of Wo Hop Shek Crematorium	13 February 2018	The Administration was requested to provide information on the traffic impact (including the existing and anticipated pedestrian and traffic flow) arising from the provision of two new body cremators and one new multi-purpose service hall within the existing Wo Hop Shek Crematorium.	Response from the Administration awaited.

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