

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 6 April 2018)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Proposed amendments to the Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap. 132V)</p>	<p>9 January 2018</p>	<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/ 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>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1052/17-18(01) on 15 March 2018.</p>

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		(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.	
2. Work on the review of export control on powdered formulae	9 January 2018	The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (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 (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.	Response from the Administration awaited.

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3. 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 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department'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 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>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		(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.	
4. 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.
5. Provision of columbarium at Cape Collinson Road in Chai Wan	13 March 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide in the relevant funding proposal to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee the following information:</p> <p>(a) details of (i) the traffic improvement measures to be taken by the Administration to cope with additional traffic and pedestrian flow arising from the provision of a columbarium block at Cape Collinson Road in Chai Wan and (ii) the greening works and environmental mitigation measures associated with the proposed project;</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>(b) whether consideration would be given to including in the proposed works project the provision of lift service connecting Cape Collinson Road and San Ha Street, in addition to the construction of a pedestrian access route with escalators and stairways, and if yes, details of the plan; and</p> <p>(c) whether (i) energy saving installations/ renewable energy facilities and (ii) drinking fountains would be provided at the columbarium block and if yes, the details.</p> <p>The Administration was also requested to revert to the Panel on the progress of and the timetable for taking forward other proposed public columbarium developments in the 24 sites identified under the District-based Columbarium Development Scheme.</p>	

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6. Installation of air-conditioning ("A/C") system at Tai Wai Market	13 March 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide in the relevant funding proposal to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee the following information:</p> <p>(a) whether effort could be made to expedite the installation of the A/C system at Tai Wai Market with a view to compressing the works timetable and shortening the full market closure to not more than six months and if yes, details of the Administration's plan in this regards; and</p> <p>(b) measures to be taken by the Administration for enhancing the coordination among government departments involved in the installation of the A/C system at Tai Wai Market.</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.