Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions (position as at 14 April 2021)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
Promotion of sustainable fisheries development	9 February 2021 (conducted by videoconferencing)	The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information: (a) since the establishment of the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund ("SFDF") in 2014 to provide financial assistance for the fisheries industry to carry out projects which were conducive to sustainable	Response from the Administration awaited.
		development, whether there was an increase in (i) the number of people joining the fisheries industry and (ii) the average income of local fishermen and aquaculturists;	
		(b) apart from the implementation of SFDF, whether any new policies/support measures would be introduced by the Administration or the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") for promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry;	
		(c) whether AFCD would review the operation of the Fisheries Development Loan Fund and streamline the relevant	

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		application and vetting procedures in order to facilitate provision of financial support to projects which no longer received funding from SFDF after completion of the pilot scheme; and	
		(d) whether AFCD would formulate new measures to facilitate development of recreational fisheries (e.g. whether consideration would be given to (i) amending the Marine Fish Culture Ordinance (Cap. 353) to designate water zones for conducting recreational fishing activities or (ii) adopting a separate set of regulatory requirements on mariculture rafts which had been allowed to conduct recreational fishing).	
2. Proposals to amend Schedule 2 to the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Cap. 529)	9 March 2021	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the questions and issues of concern raised in the letter dated 9 March 2021 from Dr CHENG Chung-tai (LC Paper No. CB(2)865/20-21(01)).	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)951/20-21 on 9 April 2021.
3. Implementation of the Food Surveillance Programme ("FSP") in 2020	9 March 2021	The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information: (a) regarding the 26 100 samples of "vegetables, fruits and related products"	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		collected for testing of pesticide residues, metallic contaminants, preservatives and pathogens under FSP in 2020 and the 25 samples of this food group tested with unsatisfactory results in the same year, a detailed breakdown by (i) sources and (ii) places from where the test samples were collected (e.g. checkpoints or food inspection offices at various control points, wholesale markets, retail outlets or supermarkets);	
		(b) the respective numbers of samples of the food group "vegetables, fruits and related products" collected and tested under FSP in each of the past 10 years;	
		(c) the respective numbers and names of Mainland registered vegetable farms whose vegetable samples collected for testing were found unsatisfactory (i.e. detected with excessive pesticide residues, metallic contaminants, preservatives or pathogens) in each of the past 10 years; and	
		(d) the heaviest penalties imposed, over the past few years, on fresh provision shops or market stalls for selling chilled or	

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		frozen pork as fresh pork or selling fresh pork and un-prepackaged chilled pork on the same premises, violating the relevant provisions of the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X) and/or the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362).	

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