

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 2 June 2021)

Subject	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Findings of the Second Hong Kong Population-based Food Consumption Survey	July 2021
<p>At the meeting between the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the Secretary for Food and Health to discuss the work plan of the Panel ("work plan meeting") for the 2020-2021 session held on 23 November 2020, the Administration undertook to, upon the Chairman's request, report to members on the subject matter or provide an information paper on the latest progress of the subject matter in due course.</p>	
2. Impact of the discharge of wastewater from the Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean on food safety and import control on Japanese food	July 2021
<p>In his letter dated 27 April 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/20-21(01)), Dr Hon Junius HO expressed concern about the Government of Japan's decision to start releasing radioactive water from the devastated Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean in about two years' time and the impact of the discharge plan on the ocean environment and the global public health. Dr HO suggested the Panel discuss relevant issues at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>At the Panel meeting held on 11 May 2021, the Chairman suggested and members agreed that the Panel should discuss at an appropriate time the impact of the discharge plan on food safety. The Administration agrees that the impact on food safety and import control on Japanese food be put to discussion.</p>	

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3. Promoting the sustainable development of mariculture	To be confirmed
Item proposed by the Administration.	
The Administration plans to brief members on the work of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to promote sustainable development of mariculture (including measures facilitating Hong Kong fishermen to develop deep-water mariculture in the Greater Bay Area).	
4. Wholesale market consultancy study	To be confirmed
At the meeting on 10 June 2014, members noted that the Administration had commissioned a consultancy study on the present-day functions and purpose of the wholesale business in the sale of fresh food produce, and to analyse the geographical spread of the five existing wholesale markets from the perspectives of land use and food safety.	
At the meeting on 11 October 2018, members considered it necessary for the Administration to brief members on the outcome of the consultancy study (including the timetable, proposed sites and detailed plan for relocating Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Poultry Market and Yau Ma Tei Wholesale Fruit Market).	
At the work plan meeting for the 2020-2021 session on 23 November 2020, the Administration undertook to, upon the Chairman's request, review whether it could report to the Panel on this study in the 2020-2021 session.	
According to the Administration, the Development Bureau is responsible for the wholesale market consultancy study. The Bureau expects that the study will be completed by 2021. The Government will report to the Panel (or the Panel on Development) on the progress in due course. It is expected that the subject will be put to discussion in the next session.	

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5. Regulating and monitoring the activities of oyster culture in Hong Kong	To be confirmed
<p>At previous meetings of the Panel, concern was expressed about the over-expansion of oyster culture in Shenzhen Bay and the need of introducing in Hong Kong a licensing mechanism for regulating the activities of oyster culture. There was a suggestion that the issue of regulating and monitoring the activities of oyster culture in Hong Kong should be discussed by the Panel.</p>	
6. Issues relating to the relocation of Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar to Tung Chau Street Market	To be confirmed
<p>At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Panel should follow up and discuss issues relating to the relocation of Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar to Tung Chau Street Market, including how the Administration would address the needs and concerns of street sleepers in the vicinity of Tung Chau Street Market arising from the Administration's plan to improve the surroundings of Tung Chau Street Market.</p>	
<p>At the work plan meeting for the 2020-2021 session on 23 November 2020, the Chairman requested the Administration to find out with relevant bureaux/departments the latest development of the relocation plan and report to members on the subject matter or provide an information paper on the work progress in due course.</p>	
7. Ancillary facilities for storage and distribution of chilled meat and poultry	-
<p>At the meeting on 15 October 2015, concern was raised about the lack of ancillary facilities for wholesaling of chilled meat and poultry. Noting that the trade had made repeated requests to the Government for the</p>	

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setting up of an approved distribution and storage centre for chilled meat and poultry with a view to reducing food safety risks, members requested that the subject matter be discussed at a future meeting.

At the work plan meeting for the 2020-2021 session on 23 November 2020, the Administration undertook to, upon the Chairman's request, provide an information paper to report on the latest progress of the subject matter within the 2020-2021 session.

8. Regulatory control of genetically modified food

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At the meeting on 12 March 2013, the Panel was briefed on the Administration's proposal on regulating genetically modified ("GM") food by introducing a mandatory pre-market safety assessment scheme ("PMSAS") in Hong Kong. At the meeting on 11 July 2017, the Administration advised that it would launch a public consultation on PMSAS in due course, taking into account the international development on regulation of GM food.

At the work plan meeting for the 2019-2020 session on 4 November 2019, the Administration was requested to step up efforts to encourage the trade to voluntarily adopt GM food labelling and to review the trade's receptiveness to those recommendations set out in the "Guidelines on Voluntary Labelling of Genetically Modified Food" issued by the Centre for Food Safety in 2006.

At the work plan meeting for the 2020-2021 session on 23 November 2020, the Administration undertook to, upon the Chairman's request, provide an information paper to report on the latest progress of the subject matter within the 2020-2021 session.

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9. Enforcement standards of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department against irregularities of food premises	-
10. Implementation of measures to reduce salt and sugar in food	-

In his letter dated 22 October 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)77/20-21(01)), Dr KWOK Ka-ki* suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject matter at a future meeting.

At the work plan meeting for the 2020-2021 session on 23 November 2020, the Administration undertook to, upon the Chairman's request, provide an information paper to report on the latest progress of the subject matter within the 2020-2021 session.

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* According to the announcement made by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government on 11 November 2020 pursuant to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Issues Relating to the Qualification of the Members of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, KWOK Ka-ki was disqualified from being a member of the Legislative Council on 30 July 2020.