

For information
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**LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs
Subcommittee on matters relating to environmental hygiene**

**Reviews relating to Food Business Licensing and
Environmental Hygiene Services**

PURPOSE

At the meeting held on 16 March 2000, Members asked for a list of reviews in relation to food business licensing and environmental hygiene services which are underway or being planned by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

2. A list of the major reviews currently undertaken or being planned for this year by the department is set out below for Members' reference.

Items under review

**Tentative timetable for
consulting LegCo**

A. Food business licensing

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| 1. To formulate legislative proposals on closure of unlicensed food business operations | April 2000 |
| 2. To streamline the application procedures for restaurant licences | May/June 2000 |
| 3. To review the Open Categorization Scheme (commonly known as "5-Star" Grading Scheme) | October 2000 |
| 4. To examine the various types of food licenses /permits and streamline the application procedures | November 2000 |

B. Hawker control

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| 5. To review hawker control operations in light of a study conducted by the ICAC | May/June 2000 |
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C. Cleansing services

6. To formulate proposals on a fixed penalty system for litter offences December 2000

D. Markets

7. To review the mechanism for market stall rental adjustments December 2000

E. Alignment of fees and charges

8. To review and align the various fees and charges relating to licensing and environmental hygiene services late 2000/early 2001

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