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Subcommittee on

Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Amendment) Regulation 2001, Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) (Amendment) Regulation 2001 and Food Business (Amendment) Regulation 2001

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 November 2001 at 10:45 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Chairman)

Present Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, JP

Hon WONG Yung-kan

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

Dr Hon LO Wing-lok

Member : Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Absent

Public Officers: Mrs Ingrid YEUNG

Attending Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment and Food (A)1

Dr Les Sims

Assistant Director (Agriculture, Quarantine & Inspection) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Ms Rhonda LO

Assistant Director (Operations) 3

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Miss Leonora IP Government Counsel Department of Justice

Clerk in : Mrs Constance LI

Attendance Chief Assistant Secretary (2)5

Staff in : Mr Arthur CHEUNG **Attendance** Assistant Legal Adviser 5

Miss Betty MA

Senior Assistant Secretary (2)1

The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

- 2. The Subcommittee requested the Administration to consider the following and provide a response -
 - (a) To amend the Regulations to prohibit the importation, farming, transport and sale of live quails in Hong Kong;
 - (b) Whether the Administration had conducted any assessment on the additional operational cost incurred for the trade at all levels after the Regulations had come into effect;
 - (c) To provide a comparison table on the penalties for offences proposed in the three Regulations and those for existing offences in respect of live poultry, together with justifications for the proposed penalties;
 - (d) To consider reducing the licence fee for the animal trader licence after the coming into effect of the Regulations;
 - (e) <u>Legal Notice 218 of 2001</u>

To consider deleting the reference to "the most direct route" in the proposed Regulation 9B, and the reference to "an aircraft" in the proposed new Regulation 9C(b);

(f) <u>Legal Notice 219 of 2001</u>

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To include only the penalty for the proposed offences but not for other existing offences under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulation, and to consider extending the transitional period for existing licence holders under the proposed Regulation 15 from 30 days to 60 days.

- 3. The Subcommittee agreed that the Chairman should, on behalf of the Subcommittee, move an amendment to the proposed Regulation 15 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulation to extend the transitional period for existing licence holders from 30 days to 60 days, if the Administration did not agree to make the amendment.
- 4. The Subcommittee agreed to hold the next meeting on 23 November 2001 immediately after the House Committee meeting.
- 5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:47 pm.

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Subcommittee on Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Amendment) Regulation 2001, Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) (Amendment) Regulation 2001 and Food Business (Amendment) Regulation 2001 on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, at 10:45 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

| Time | Speaker | Subject(s) | Action |
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| 0000 - 0051 | Chairman | Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 7 | |
| | | November 2001 | |
| 0052 - 0154 | Admin | Administration's response to concerns raised at | |
| | | the meeting on 13 November 2001 | |
| 0155 - 0435 | Chairman | Examination of Regulations | |
| | | Section 1 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
| 0436 - 0452 | Admin | Section 1 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
| 0453 - 0504 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | п | |
| 0505 - 0532 | Admin | п | |
| 0533 - 0826 | Chairman | Sections 2, 3 and 4 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
| 0827 - 0901 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | Section 4 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
| 0902 - 0927 | Admin | п | |
| 0928 - 0937 | Ms Cyd HO | Future policy for the sale of live quails | |
| 0938 - 0951 | Admin | n n | |
| 0952 - 1041 | Mrs Selina CHOW | n | |
| 1042 - 1046 | Chairman | n n | |
| 1047 - 1104 | Mrs Selina CHOW, | n n | |
| | Chairman | | |
| 1105 - 1152 | Admin | n | |
| 1153 - 1229 | Mrs Selina CHOW | Assessment on additional operational cost | |
| | | incurred for the trade | |
| 1230 - 1351 | Admin | п | |
| 1352 - 1435 | Mrs Selina CHOW | п | |
| 1436 - 1449 | Chairman | " | |
| 1450 - 1459 | Admin | n n | |
| 1460 - 1508 | Mrs Selina CHOW, | n n | |
| | Chairman | | |
| 1509 - 1547 | Admin | " | Admin to provide response |

| 1548 - 1724 | Ms Cyd HO | Future policy for the sale of live quails | |
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| 1725 - 1922 | Admin | Future policy for the sale of live quails, | |
| | | assessment on additional operational cost incurred | |
| | | for the trade | |
| 1923 - 2054 | Mrs Selina CHOW | Future policy for the sale of live quails | |
| 2055 - 2217 | Chairman | " | |
| 2218 - 2342 | Admin | " | |
| 2343 - 2403 | Chairman | " | |
| 2404 - 2432 | Admin | " | |
| 2433 - 2517 | Ms Cyd HO | " | |
| 2518 - 2546 | Admin | " | |
| 2547 - 2613 | Ms Cyd HO | " | |
| 2614 - 2647 | Admin | " | |
| 2648 - 2720 | Ms Cyd HO | п | |
| 2721 - 2801 | Chairman | п | |
| 2802 - 2853 | Admin | п | |
| 2854 - 2918 | Chairman | n | |
| 2919 - 3004 | Admin | n . | |
| 3005 - 3251 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | n | |
| 3252 - 3405 | Chairman | п | |
| 3406 - 3458 | Ms Cyd HO | п | |
| 3459 - 3746 | Mrs Selina CHOW | п | |
| 3747 - 3823 | Chairman | Proposal to prohibit the sale of live quails | |
| 3824 - 4004 | Admin | n n | |
| 4005 - 4119 | Ms Cyd HO | Section 4 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
| 4120 - 4135 | Admin | п | |
| 4136 - 4356 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | Policy intention of the Regulations | |
| 4357 - 4546 | Chairman | Way forward | |
| 4547 - 4618 | Mr TAM Yiu-chung | " | |
| 4619 - 4633 | Chairman | " | |
| 4634 - 4826 | Ms Cyd HO | Proposal to prohibit the sale of live quails | |
| 4827 - 4834 | Chairman | " | |
| 4835 - 5104 | Admin | " | |
| 5105 - 5210 | Dr LO Wing-lok | Way forward | |
| 5211 - 5405 | ALA5 | Proposal to prohibit the sale of live quails | |
| 5406 - 5702 | Mrs Selina CHOW | Proposal to prohibit the sale of live quails | |
| 5703 - 5739 | Chairman, | " | |
| | Mrs Selina CHOW | | |
| 5740 - 5930 | Admin | " | |

| 5931 - 010010 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | Compensation for the trade | |
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| 010011 - 010051 | Admin | " | |
| 010052 - 010203 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | " | |
| 010204 - 010233 | Chairman | " | |
| 010234 - 010241 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | " | |
| 010242 - 010344 | Admin | " | |
| 010345 - 010350 | Chairman | " | |
| 010351 - 010412 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | " | |
| 010413 - 010449 | Chairman | " | |
| 010450 - 010509 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | " | |
| 010510 - 010513 | Chairman | " | |
| 010514 - 010709 | Mrs Selina CHOW | " | |
| 010710 - 010748 | Chairman, | " | |
| | Mrs Selina CHOW | | |
| 010749 - 010947 | Admin | " | |
| 010948 - 010957 | Chairman | Way forward | |
| 010958 - 011009 | Mr TAM Yiu-chung | " | |
| 011010 - 011018 | Chairman | Section 4 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
| 011019 - 011035 | Ms Cyd HO | " | |
| 011036 - 011112 | Chairman, Admin | " | |
| 011113 - 011131 | Chairman | " | |
| 011132 - 011225 | Admin | " | |
| 011226 - 011242 | Mr TAM Yiu-chung | " | |
| 011243 - 011347 | Admin | " | |
| 011348 - 011411 | Mr TAM Yiu-chung | " | |
| 011412 - 011425 | Chairman | " | |
| 011426 - 011510 | Ms Cyd HO | " | |
| 011511 - 011528 | Admin, Chairman | " | |
| 011529 - 011601 | Ms Cyd HO | " | |
| 011602 - 011619 | Admin | " | |
| 011620 - 011628 | Ms Cyd HO | " | |
| 011629 - 011856 | ALA5 | " | |
| 011857 - 011931 | Chairman | " | |
| 011932 - 012008 | Dr LO Wing-lok | " | |
| 012009 - 012052 | Admin | " | |
| 012053 - 012142 | Chairman | " | |
| 012143 - 012158 | Admin | " | √ Admin to provide response |

| 012159 - 012205 | Chairman | Section 5 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
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| 012206 - 012235 | Admin | " | |
| 012236 - 012251 | | п | |
| 012252 - 012305 | • | " | |
| 012232 012303 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | | |
| 012306 - 012313 | | " | |
| 012300 - 012313 | Admin | | Admin to |
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| 012314 - 012328 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | " | response |
| 012329 - 012440 | Chairman, | " | |
| | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | | |
| 012441 - 012501 | Chairman | Section 6 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
| 012502 - 012508 | Ms Cyd HO | " | |
| 012509 - 012522 | Admin | " | |
| 012523 - 012537 | Chairman | Section 7 (LN 218 of 2001) | |
| 012538 - 012717 | Chairman | Section 1 (LN 219 of 2001) | |
| 012718 - 012725 | Mr WONG Yung-kan | Section 2 (LN 219 of 2001) | |
| 012726 - 012741 | | " | |
| 012742 - 012809 | Chairman | Section 3 (LN 219 of 2001) | |
| 012810 - 012820 | Dr LO Wing-lok | " | |
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| 012826 - 012940 | Admin | " | |
| 012941 - 012946 | Dr LO Wing-lok | " | |
| 012947 - 012957 | Admin | " | |
| 012958 - 013033 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | Level of penalty for offences under the | |
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| 013034 - 013114 | Admin | " | |
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| 013310 - 013320 | , XIIIII | | Admin to provide response |

| 013529 - 013552 | Dr LO Wing-lok | Level of penalty for offences under the proposed | |
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| 013553 - 013643 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | " | |
| 013644 - 013737 | Mr WONG Yung-kan | " | |
| 013738 - 013840 | Chairman | " | |
| 013841 - 013905 | Admin | " | |
| 013906 - 013911 | Chairman | " | |
| 013912 - 014005 | ALA5 | " | |
| 014006 - 014042 | Admin | " | |
| 014043 - 014059 | Mr WONG Yung-kan | " | |
| 014100 - 014111 | Admin | " | |
| 014112 - 014213 | Chairman | " | |
| 014214 - 014251 | Dr LO Wing-lok | п | |
| 014252 - 014308 | Chairman | п | |
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| 014412 - 014433 | | Section 4 (LN 219 of 2001) | |
| 014434 - 014530 | | " | |
| 014531 - 014616 | Mr WONG Yung-kan | п | |
| 014617 - 014625 | Chairman | " | |
| 014626 - 014656 | Admin | " | |
| 014657 - 014715 | Mr WONG Yung-kan | " | |
| 014716 - 014818 | Admin | " | |
| 014819 - 014908 | Mr WONG Yung-kan | " | |
| 014909 - 015014 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | " | |
| 015015 - 015119 | Admin | " | |
| 015120 - 015140 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG | " | |
| 015141 - 015220 | Dr LO Wing-lok | " | |
| 015221 - 015330 | Mr WONG Yung-kan | " | |
| 015331 - 015609 | Chairman | " | √ |
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| 017710 | | | amendment |
| 015610 - 015627 | Admin | " | √ Admin to |
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| 015628 - 015854 | Chairman | Legislative time-table | response |
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| 015907 - 015928 | Mr Tommy CHEUNG, | Date of next meeting | |
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