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**Subcommittee on Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance
(Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2003 and
Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulations
(Amendment of Form) Order 2003**

**Minutes of the meeting
held on Monday, 7 April 2003 at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members Present** : Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung (Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
- Members Absent** : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
- Public Officers Attending** : Miss Angela LUK
Principal Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food (Health)

Mr Peter KWOK
Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food (Health)

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Dr Cindy LAI
Assistant Director, Department of Health

Dr Thomas CHUNG
Principal Medical and Health Officer, Department of Health

Mrs Alison Cabrelli
Deputy Law Officer (Civil Law), Department of Justice

Miss Shandy LIU
Senior Government Counsel, Department of Justice

Clerk in Attendance : Ms Doris CHAN
Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 4

Staff in Attendance : Miss Monna LAI
Assistant Legal Adviser 7

Miss Mary SO
Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 8

I. Election of Chairman

Mr Michael MAK was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

II. Meeting with the Administration

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

3. Members expressed support of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2003 and the Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulations (Amendment of Form) Order 2003 (the Amendment Orders) which they agreed were necessary.

4. The Administration was requested to provide a written response on the following questions raised by members at the meeting in two weeks' time -

- (a) Measures being taken so far under the Amendment Orders, and the relevant authority as provided in the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap.141) and its subsidiary legislation; and

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- (b) Information relating to granting of paid sick leave for pregnant employees during a German measles outbreak in Hong Kong some years ago.

5. As Cap. 141 was enacted in 1936, the Administration was also requested to review the Ordinance and provide in two weeks' time a written response on whether further amendments were necessary.

6. In order to enhance co-operation of the community, Miss Margaret NG suggested that clear guidelines similar to those relating to the Industrial Safety Regulations should be provided to the public. The Administration pointed out that quite a number of pamphlets providing guidelines for prevention of the disease had been produced for distribution to the public and such information was constantly being updated. The Administration nevertheless agreed to consider Miss NG's suggestion.

III. Any other business

7. Members agreed that the issues raised at the meeting should be followed up by the Panel on Health Services and that it was not necessary for the Subcommittee to hold further meetings. Members further agreed that a report summarising the deliberations of the Subcommittee be submitted for the House Committee meeting on 11 April 2003.

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:32 pm.

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**Proceedings of the 1st meeting of the
Subcommittee on Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance
(Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2003 and
Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulations
(Amendment of Form) Order 2003
on Monday, 7 April 2003 at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000045	Dr David CHU, Mr IP Kwok-him and Mr Michael MAK	Election of chairman	
000046 - 001242	Chairman, Administration, Dr LAW Chi-kwong and ALA7	Need for the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2003 and Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Diseases Regulations (Amendment of Form) Order 2003 (the Amendment Orders)	
001243 - 002726	Miss Margaret NG, Chairman and Mr Albert CHAN	The Administration was requested to provide information on the measures being taken so far under the Amendment Orders and the relevant authority as provided under the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap.141) and its subsidiary legislation	✓ (Admin to provide a written response)
002727 - 003626	Dr TANG Siu-tong, Administration and Chairman	Definition of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	
003627 - 004028	Mr Andrew CHENG, Chairman and Administration	Criteria for using the powers provided under the Orders	
004029 -005452	Mr Albert CHAN, Chairman, Administration and Miss Margaret NG	Criteria for using section 10 of Cap. 141 The Administration was requested to provide clear guidelines similar to those relating to the Industrial Safety Regulations to the public for the prevent of SARS	✓ (Admin to consider)
005453 - 010352	Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Chairman, Administration, ALA7 and Miss Margaret NG	Responsibilities of employers whose employees had contracted an infectious disease, and granting of paid sick leave to pregnant employees during an outbreak of infectious disease The Administration was requested to provide information on the granting of paid sick leave for pregnant employees during an a German measles outbreak in Hong Kong some years ago	✓ (Admin to provide a written response)
010353 - 011101	Mr IP Kwok-him and Administration	Definition of SARS	
011102 - 011340	Dr LAW Chi-kwong, Chairman and Dr LO Wing-lok	Proper term for describing the recent cluster of respiratory illnesses	
011341 - 012245	Mr Andrew CHENG, Chairman and Administration	Scope of section 6 of Cap. 141 should be expanded to cover employers	
012246 - 012638	Mrs Sophie LEUNG, Chairman and ALA7	Review of Cap. 141 outside the ambit of the Subcommittee	
012639 - 014054	Mr Albert CHAN, Chairman, ALA7	Inconsistency in isolating persons	

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	and Administration		
014055 - 014809	Ms Cyd HO, Chairman, Administration, Dr LAW Chi-kwong	Review of Cap. 141 to refer to the Panel on Health Services for follow-up	
014810 - 020140	Mr Albert CHAN, ALA7, Chairman, Mr Andrew CHENG, Ms Cyd HO and Administration	Extending the scrutiny period of the Orders The Administration was requested to review Cap. 141 and provide a written response in two weeks' time on whether further amendments were necessary	✓ (Admin to provide a written response)
020141 - 020157	Chairman	Completion of scrutiny of the Orders and reporting to the House Committee on 11 April 2003	

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