

**Extract from draft minutes of the House Committee meeting  
on 21 May 2004**

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Action

**III. Business arising from previous Council meetings**

**(b) Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 14 May 2004 and tabled in Council on 19 May 2004**  
*(LC Paper No. LS 77/03-04)*

18. Regarding the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulation 2004, the Legal Adviser explained that the Regulation sought mainly to strengthen food labelling requirements in respect of the declaration of presence of certain allergic substances and food additives.

19. The Legal Adviser said that since the publication of the Regulation in the Gazette, representatives of the retail trade had sent in submissions to the LegCo Secretariat expressing concern about the Regulation.

20. Mrs Selina CHOW said that representatives of the retail trade had expressed their concern about the proposed amendments to the Administration in 2001, but no response had been received from the Administration so far. The trade was very concerned that their views had not been considered before the gazettal of the Regulation. Mrs CHOW suggested that a subcommittee should be formed to study the Regulation.

21. The Chairman proposed that a subcommittee be formed. Members agreed. The following Members agreed to join: Mr Fred LI, Mrs Selina CHOW, Mr WONG Yung-kan (as advised by Mr IP Kwok-him), Mr Tommy CHEUNG and Mr Michael MAK.

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