

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 3 November 2004)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Policy on the issue of Food Factory (Meat Roasting) Licence	20 November 2002	The Administration to provide a paper to report the outcome of its consultation with the trade on the proposed policy on the issue of Food Factory (Meat Roasting) Licence.	<p>A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p> <p>The Panel may wish to follow up the issue in the context of the review of food business licensing (item 6 of the list of issues suggested to be considered).</p>
2. Team Clean's further report on measures to improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong	15 August 2003	<p>The Administration to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) <i>effects on public health</i> : how far the protection rendered to the public against avian influenza would be further enhanced by banning live poultry trade at retail level;</p>	<p>A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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		<p>(b) <i>economic costs</i> : a comparison between the costs devoted to the surveillance and control of the disease and the total economic return generated by the live poultry trade; and</p> <p>(c) <i>social costs</i> : an assessment on the social costs incurred by imposing such a ban, e.g. considering the number of people losing their jobs and the chance of their getting new employment.</p>	
<p>3. Discovery of <i>Vibrio Cholerae</i> in retail fish stalls and the quality of fish tank water</p>	<p>16 September 2003</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the findings of FEHD's investigation into the presence of <i>Vibrio Cholerae</i> in PARKnSHOP's Pok Fu Lam Shop upon completion of the investigation.</p>	<p>A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>4. Regulatory control of "private kitchens"</p>	<p>18 December 2003</p>	<p>The Administration to provide information on -</p> <p>(a) operation of "private kitchens" in small houses in the New Territories;</p> <p>(b) differences in fitting-out requirements between the traditional</p>	<p>A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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		<p>restaurants and "private kitchens"; and</p> <p>(c) licensing requirements of the private clubs as compared with those for the "private kitchens".</p>	
<p>5. Measures against avian influenza (AI)</p>	<p>10 March 2004</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a progress report on the proposed interim measures outlined in its paper issued for the Panel meeting on 25 February 2004 -</p> <p>(a) import of live, chilled and frozen poultry;</p> <p>(b) development of local hatchery operation; and</p> <p>(c) review of existing regulatory framework for local poultry farming.</p> <p>The Administration was also requested to provide the criteria and the timetable for implementation, as well as the scientific basis in support of its proposals.</p>	<p>Regarding (a), the Administration provided further information at the Panel meetings on 2 and 15 April 2004 [LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1930/03-04(01) & CB(2) 2051/03-04(01)], and also in its letters to Panel Chairman on 23 & 29 April 2004 [LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 2147 & 2201/03-04].</p> <p>A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response to (b) and (c) and the remainder.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>6. Resumption of importation of</p>	<p>27 April 2004</p>	<p>The Administration to -</p>	<p>Regarding (a), the response</p>

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live chickens		<p>(a) provide a paper on the health rules and importation control measures for fertile eggs; and</p> <p>(b) look into whether there was a market manipulation problem in the live chicken market.</p>	<p>provided by the Administration was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 3118/03-04(01) on 19 July 2004.</p> <p>A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response to (b).</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
7. Study on H7 and H9 virus	4 June 2004	The Administration to provide information on the study on H7 and H9 virus found at the poultry markets.	<p>A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
8. Measures to prevent ciguatera poisoning cases	13 July 2004	The Administration to provide information on the live fish regulatory systems of other countries.	<p>A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
9. Voluntary surrender of live poultry retail licences or	26 October 2004	The Administration to –	A letter dated 29 October 2004 was issued to remind the

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tenancies		<p>(a) provide a breakdown of applications for ex-gratia payment by markets (cases from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Housing Department (HD) market stallholders) and districts (cases from fresh provision shop licensees); and</p> <p>(b) clarify whether HD market stallholders can terminate their market tenancies prematurely if they choose to surrender their tenancies under the scheme.</p>	<p>Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>