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By fax & mail

Mrs. Constance Li
Clerk to Panel
Panel on Food Safety and
Environmental Hygiene
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Bldg.,
8 Jackson Road, Central, H.K.

Dear Mrs. Li,

Re: Reorganization of the Food Safety Regulatory Framework

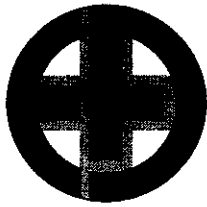
Hong Kong Doctors Union fully supports the Government's proposal to reorganize the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to form the new Department of Food Safety, Inspection and Quarantine and the new Department of Agriculture and Environmental Hygiene. The new reorganization will meet the overall objectives in separating regulatory from facilitation functions comparable elsewhere.

We also support the establishment of a Centre for Food Safety within the Department of Food Safety, Inspection and Quarantine which will be the functional body to identify objectives and formulate strategies on food safety by pooling together dedicated teams of professional staff on controlling and regulating food safety especially for imported food.

The existing facilitation arm under the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Hygiene could continue to help promote and develop our local fishery and agriculture albeit under a reorganized team and plan.

However, for the proper guidance of the public and food safety impacts on human health, Hong Kong Doctors Union must stress the dire necessity for the same strict regulations and control of all so called "health food" products in addition to actual "nutritional" products consumed in Hong Kong.

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Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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