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**Legislative Council**

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**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**held on Thursday, 12 October 2006 at 9:50 am**  
**in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** : Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon WONG Yung-kan, JP  
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo  
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

**Members absent** : Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP

**Clerk in attendance** : Miss Flora TAI  
Chief Council Secretary (2)2

**Staff in attendance** : Mrs Vivian KAM  
Assistant Secretary General 2

Miss Betty MA  
Senior Council Secretary (2)1

Ms Joanne MAK  
Senior Council Secretary (2)2

Ms Alice LEUNG  
Senior Council Secretary (2)1 (Des)

Ms Anna CHEUNG  
Legislative Assistant (2)2

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**I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2006-2007 session**

Election of Chairman

The incumbent Chairman, Mr Fred LI, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session. Mr Tommy CHEUNG was nominated by Mr WONG Yung-kan and the nomination was seconded by Mr LI. Mr CHEUNG accepted the nomination.

2. As there was no other nomination, Mr Tommy CHEUNG was declared elected as Chairman of the Panel. Mr CHEUNG then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2006-2007 session. Mr WONG Yung-kan nominated Mr Fred LI and the nomination was seconded by Mr Alan LEONG. Mr Fred LI accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Fred LI elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

**II. Schedule of meetings for the 2006-2007 session**

5. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The Clerk would issue the schedule of meetings for the 2006-2007 session. Members also agreed that the next regular Panel meeting would be held on 14 November 2006 at 2:30 pm.

Clerk

[*Post-meeting note* : The meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)45/06-07].

**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**

[Appendices V (revised) and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)4/06-07]

6. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the

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Administration at the next regular meeting scheduled for 14 November 2006 -

- (a) review of the preservatives in Food Regulations; and
- (b) relocation of yellow cattle from Mui Wo.

[*Post-meeting note* : Appendix V (revised) to LC Paper No. CB(2)4/06-07 tabled at the meeting was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)46/06-07 on 13 October 2006.]

7. On the agenda item referred to in paragraph 6(b), Mr WONG Kwok-hing suggested that apart from yellow cattle, the Administration should be requested to brief the Panel on the relocation of buffalo as well. Members agreed.

[*Post-meeting note* : the agenda item referred to in paragraph 6(b) was renamed as "Control of stray cattle".]

8. Mr WONG Yung-kan said that in view of the recent food poisoning incidents relating to oysters and sea-urchins, the Panel should discuss the regulation of imported aquatic products. The Chairman said that, as advised by the Administration, it would revert to the Panel on the control of importation, landing and sale of live fish in the first quarter of 2007. He considered it more appropriate to confine the discussion to regulation of shellfish.

9. Mr Fred LI said that in view of the recent incidents of the presence of malachite green in eel products, the Panel should discuss this issue at the next regular meeting. The Chairman suggested that, as the Administration had already proposed two discussion items for the next meeting, the Panel should request the Administration to update members on the regulation of shellfish and the enforcement of the Harmful Substances in Food (Amendment) Regulation 2005 in respect of the use of malachite green in aquatic products since its enactment. Members agreed to the Chairman's suggestion.

[*Post-meeting note* : an item "Regulation of shellfish and detection of malachite green in aquatic products" was added to the agenda for the meeting on 14 November 2006.]

**IV. Any other business**

10. The Chairman reminded members that the next Panel meeting would be held at 11:45am on 13 October 2006 to receive a briefing by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2006-2007.

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11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:57 am.

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