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Dear Miss TAI,

Revised Proposals for Preservatives in Food Regulations

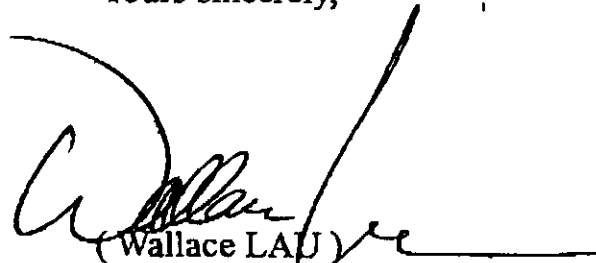
I write to address the questions raised by members about the Mainland regulation for preservatives and antioxidants in food at the meeting of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Panel on 10 April.

The regulation on preservatives and antioxidants of the Mainland is currently under review. At present, use of preservatives and antioxidants in food in the Mainland are controlled by the *Hygienic Standards for Uses of Food Additives* (GB2760-1996) (See <http://www.cdc-ffo.cn/bookpdf/20047616435850723.pdf>). Similar to the *Preservatives in Food Regulations* of Hong Kong, the *Standards* stipulates the types of preservatives and antioxidants that are permitted for use in food, as well as the maximum levels of these additives that the specified foods may contain.

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According to the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, the Mainland authorities prepared a consultation paper on the revised *Hygienic Standards for Uses of Food Additives* in July 2005. (See <http://www.cdc-ffo.cn/bookpdf/20057814284123164.pdf>). The consultation paper was drawn up with reference to the format and system of the *Codex General Standard for Food Additives*. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will maintain regular liaison with the Mainland authorities to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Yours sincerely,



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