## Bills Committee on Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Bill

## List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 14 January 2010

- (1) To set out the general factors which the Secretary for the Environment (SEN) will take into account in granting exemptions under clause 42.
- (2) To advise the ordinances with express provisions on claims for compensation in the event of unsuccessful prosecution. To also consider grouping proposed sub-clauses 37(4) to 37(6) to form a new clause to provide for claims for compensation under specified circumstances.
- (3) To consider whether there is a need to empower the Director to attach conditions on how a released GMO should be maintained during the transitional period under proposed clause 50(3).
- (4) To review the Chinese rendition of the phrase "任何一名" under clause 51(c) if it is the policy intent to specify the rank of official who has made the decision.
- (5) To illustrate how the required information under Schedules 1 to 6 should be filled out in the specified form (using papaya as an example).
- (6) To include in the speech to be delivered by SEN at the Resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill that the research done so far by the Administration has identified papaya as the only genetically modified organism (GMO) grown in Hong Kong. To also include in the speech the types of GMOs, including papaya, being considered for exemption.
- (7) To provide a full set of draft Committee Stage amendments (marked-up version).

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