立法會 Legislative Council

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Bills Committee on Food Safety Bill

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 22 February 2011, at 8:30 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)

present Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP

Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Hon WONG Yuk-man

Members : Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP

absent Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Public Officers: <u>Item I</u> attending

Mr Philip CHAN Kwan-yee, JP

Deputy Secretary for Food and Health (Food) 2

Mr Kevin YEUNG Yun-hung

Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Food) 1

Dr Constance CHAN, JP

Controller, Centre for Food Safety

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Dr LEE Siu-yuen Assistant Director (Food Surveillance & Control) Centre for Food Safety Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr Paul John O'BRIEN Senior Assistant Law Draftsman Department of Justice

Ms Angie LI Sau-lee Senior Government Counsel Department of Justice

Clerk in attendance

Miss Mary SO

Chief Council Secretary (3) 3

Staff in attendance

Mr YICK Wing-kin Assistant Legal Adviser 8

Ms Maisie LAM

Senior Council Secretary (2) 6

Ms Sandy HAU

Legislative Assistant (2) 5

Action

I. Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper Nos. 1056/10-11(01)-(02))

The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

- 2. <u>Members</u> raised no objection to the proposed Committee Stage amendments ("CSAs") to the Bill to be moved by the Administration as set out in LC Paper No. 1056/10-11(02).
- 3. In response to the suggestion made by the Assistant Legal Adviser 8, the Administration agreed to replace "成長" with "生長" in the proposed CSA to the Chinese text of Clause 3(3) of the Bill.
- 4. The Administration briefed Members on LC Paper No. CB(2)1056/10-11(01), which reported its meeting with the Federation of

Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies, Ltd on 30 December 2010 to discuss the implications of the new registration scheme under the Bill for local vegetable farmers. After visiting five Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies on 14 January 2011 to understand their actual operation including their registers of vegetable farmers, the Administration considered that it could not agree to the proposal that local vegetable farmers should be exempted from the registration requirement.

5. In response to Hon Wong Yuk-man's enquiry, the Administration explained that it would enhance publicity of the Bill's requirements, render assistance to local vegetable farmers in complying with the requirements under the Bill, and engage Vegetable Marketing Cooperative Societies in helping and encouraging vegetable farmers to register under the Bill.

Any other business

- 6. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Bills Committee had completed scrutiny of the Bill. The Bills Committee would report to the House Committee on 11 March 2011 recommending the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting on 30 March 2011.
- 7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:15 am.

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on Food Safety Bill on Tuesday, 22 February 2011, at 8:30 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject	Action required
000000 - 000453	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000454 - 000813	Admin Chairman	Proposed Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) to be moved by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(2)1056/10-11(02))	
000814 - 001759	Admin ALA8 Mr WONG Yung-kan	The Administration agreed to replace "成長" with "生長" in the proposed CSA to the Chinese text of Clause 3(3).	Admin (para. 3 of the minutes refers)
001800 - 004255	Chairman Mr WONG Yun-kan Admin	Mr Wong Yung-kan's view that local vegetable farmers who were food producers should be exempted from registration under the Bill. Briefing by the Administration on its meeting with the Federation of Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies Ltd and outcome of its follow-up actions, details of which were set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)1056/10-11(01).	
004256 - 004345	Mr WONG Yuk-man Admin	The Administration's reply to Mr Wong Yuk Man that it would enhance publicity of the Bill's requirements and provide assistance to local vegetable farmers in complying with the Bill	
004346 - 004542	Chairman Admin Mr WONG Yuk-man	Legislative timetable Closing remarks	

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