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**Subcommittee on Order made under Section 78B of the
Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 21 April 2011, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Members absent : Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Public Officers attending : Item II

Mr Kevin YEUNG Yun-hung
Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Food) 1

Mr LEUNG Cheuk-man, JP
Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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

Clerk in attendance : Mrs Sharon TONG
Principal Council Secretary (2)

Staff in attendance : Miss Carrie WONG
Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Mr Jove CHAN
Senior Council Secretary (2) 8

Miss Michelle LEE
Legislative Assistant (2) 7

I. Election of Chairman

Mr Fred LI was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

II. Meeting with the Administration

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

3. Members were concerned with the impact of the order made under section 78B of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) ("the Order") to the business of food supplies trade and food catering trade. The Subcommittee agreed to invite representatives of food products importers, wholesalers, distributors and restaurants to give their views on the implementation of the Order at the next meeting.

4. The Subcommittee requested the Administration -

- (a) to provide copies of the Code of Practice on Section 78B Orders; and
- (b) to provide information on measures implemented to ban the import of contaminated crops as animal feed.

III. Any other business

5. Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on 27 May 2011 at 10:45 am.

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:16 pm.

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000043 - 000109	Mr Fred LI Ms Emily LAU Mr Vincent FANG	Election of Chairman	
000110 - 000217	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000218 - 000935	Admin	Briefing on the issuance of an order under section 78B of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) ("the Order") to prohibit the import into and supply within Hong Kong of certain food products from five prefectures in Japan (FHB/F/5/1/37)	
000936 - 002132	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Admin	The need for reviewing the range of food products specified in the Order; the need for the Administration to enhance communication with LegCo on issuance of the Order; value of the food products prohibited; and views and responses of merchants of related trades to the implementation of the Order	
002133 - 003628	Chairman Mr Vincent FANG Admin	Invitation of representatives of food supplies trade and food catering trade to give their views on the implementation of the Order; measures to enhance public's confidence in food products imported from Japan; the need for reviewing the coverage of geographic areas specified in the Order with reference to the latest development of the nuclear incident in Japan; and consideration of providing financial	The Clerk to invite representatives of food products importers, wholesalers, distributors and restaurants to give their views on the implementation of the Order at the next meeting

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		assistance to merchants of business related to Japanese food products	
003629 - 005644	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Admin	Provision of template of documents used for issuance of the Order; commencement date of the Order; and possible grievance caused by the Order and the appeal mechanism	The Administration to provide copies of Code of Practice on Section 78B Orders
005645 - 010912	Chairman Admin	The Administration's rationale for specifying the range of prohibited Japanese food products in the Order; cessation time of full scale radiation examination of food products imported from Japan; and measures to prohibit import of food products made with agricultural or fishery produce from the five concerned prefectures at manufactories outside these prefectures	
010913 - 011602	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Admin	Invitation of views from the relevant trades on the Order on business facilitation concerns; possibility of financial assistance to merchants of business related to imported Japanese food products; use of safety labels by the trade to iterate the source of food products; and liaison with the Japanese Government on the certificate of radioactivity safety	
011603 - 012315	Chairman Mr Vincent FANG Admin	Commencement date of the Order; and possible ways of government support for relevant trades on the radiation examination of Japanese food products to recapture consumers' confidence	

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012316 - 013942	Chairman Ms Cyd HO ALA4 Admin	Textual revision of templates of documents in the Code of Practice on Section 78B Orders; and reviewing the possibility of contaminated food products imported as animal feed	The Administration to provide a paper on the measures prohibiting contaminated crops imported as animal feed
013943 - 014143	Chairman ALA4 Admin	Conclusion of the discussions; and commencement of the Food Safety Ordinance on 1 August 2011 and its implications on the Order	
014144 - 014720	Chairman Clerk Ms Cyd HO Mr Vincent FANG Admin	Date of next meeting	

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