

**Subcommittee on Genetically Modified Organisms
(Control of Release) (Exemption) Notice**

**List of follow-up action arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 15 May 2012**

- (1) To advise the types of known genetically modified (GM) papayas grown in Hong Kong. To also advise the effect of planting GM papayas in close proximity of non-GM papayas.
- (2) To advise how to ensure the safety of GM papayas (particularly new varieties of GM papayas) to the environment and for human consumption.
- (3) To advise whether assistance would be provided to help replace GM papayas with non-GM ones. To also advise the lead time to phase out all GM papayas grown in Hong Kong.
- (4) To advise, of the total papayas imported into Hong Kong each year, the percentage share of the two commercialized varieties of GM papaya to be exempted under the Notice.
- (5) To advise whether a person who brings a papaya to Hong Kong and plants the seeds after consumption will be caught under the Bill.