

For information

**LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Further Extension of Public Market Stalls Rental Freeze**

Purpose

This note informs Members of the Administration's decision to further extend the rental freeze of public market stalls for one year until 31 December 2013.

Details

2. The rental of public market stalls was reduced across-the-board by 30% in 1998 and has been frozen at the reduced level since then. The Administration announced in April 2011 the extension of the rental freeze for 18 months from 30 June 2011 to 31 December 2012. The Administration has now decided to further extend the rental freeze for one year until 31 December 2013. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will arrange tenancy renewal with the relevant public market stall tenants.

3. Over the past few years, the Administration has consulted the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (the Panel) on several occasions regarding the rental adjustment mechanism for public market stalls. We are studying the views of the Panel and traders' representatives on the proposed mechanism and will continue to discuss the matter with the Panel.

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