Subcommittee on Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2014

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 20 October 2014

The Administration was requested to –

- (a) advise whether the Centre on Food Safety ("CFS") had initiated any prosecutions against non-compliance with the legibility requirement of food labels under the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W) over the past three years. If so, please provide details, including the penalties imposed;
- (b) advise whether the present drafting of section 1(2) of the proposed newly added Schedule 6A could reflect the Administration's intent that CFS would use distilled water for constituting infant formula for measuring the fluoride content of the infant formula concerned when taking enforcement actions against non-compliance cases;
- (c) consider and respond to a member's request that CFS should conduct a study on the fluoride content of infant formula products on sale in Hong Kong; and
- (d) respond to a member's view that the maximum penalty level provided under the proposed new regulation 5(1AC) should be raised from level 5 to level 6 so as to achieve a higher deterrent effect