

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 7 October 2013)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Enforcement actions under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172)	21 June 2010 (special meeting)	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) the details of the legal advice sought from the Department of Justice regarding the applicability of the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172), including what the legal advice was, in what way and when the legal advice was provided, as well as the capacity of the public officer who provided the legal advice;</p> <p>(b) a chronology of events relating to the operations, including the course of actions taken on the date when the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department learnt about the organisers' intention to display some exhibits at Times Square;</p>	Response from the Home Affairs Bureau awaited.

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		<p>(c) a copy of the undertaking that the Police requested the organisers to sign for the returning of the exhibits; and</p> <p>(d) information on applications for Places of Public Entertainment Licence for the display of art items.</p>	
<p>2. Issues relating to hawker policy</p>	<p>28 June 2011 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Manpower)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response on its study of the vitalization of the exiting open-air bazaars in Aberdeen, Sai Kung, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung given members' disappointment that the proposal to establish open-air bazaars in various districts, which was raised years ago, had not yet been implemented for lack of suitable sites.</p> <p>In its letter dated 20 January 2012, the Food and Health Bureau ("FHB") stated that there has not been a study of the vitalization of the existing open-air bazaars as such undertaken by the Administration. FHB would keep the hawker licensing policy under review and the Administration welcomes</p>	<p>The Administration's response was provided vide paragraph 6 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1374/12-13(01) issued on 17 June 2013.</p>

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		<p>proposals from local or community organizations on initiatives to revitalize the local economy, promote district characteristics or create local employment.</p> <p>Having considered FHB's response, members requested the Administration's further response on whether and how it would study the vitalization of open-air bazaars in Aberdeen, Sai Kung, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung, etc.</p>	
	<p>21 June 2013 (special meeting)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of hawker assistants for hawker licence holders.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was provided vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1842/12-13 issued on 4 October 2013.</p>
<p>3. Allotment of public columbarium niches</p>	<p>11 December 2012</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response on the allocation mechanism for public niches, including new and used niches, and the reasons for adopting such a mechanism.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1684/12-13 on 5 August 2013.</p>
<p>4. Substandard cooking oil</p>	<p>21 January 2013 (Policy briefing) 12 March 2013</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide its plan for routine food surveillance on cooking oil in the short-run and a written response on</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1431/12-13 on 20 June 2013.</p>

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		<p>whether its risk assessment of the consumption of cooking oil was appropriate.</p> <p>At the meeting on 12 March 2013, the Administration was requested to provide written response on whether any prosecution has been brought against distributor(s) who, in the course of the investigation of the substandard cooking oil incident, was/were found to have failed to comply with the record-keeping requirement under the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612).</p>	
5. Nutritional labelling requirements for formula milk products	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	In the light that all formula milk products sold in Hong Kong were imported, the Administration was requested to provide a written response on whether the proposed nutritional labelling requirements for formula milk products were on par with the requirements in the exporting countries.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1804/12-13 on 18 September 2013.
6. Ex-gratia allowances for trawler owners affected by the trawl ban	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on the details of the disbursement of the ex-gratia allowance ("EGA") to trawler owners	The information on the disbursement of EGA has been provided under agenda item IV of the Panel meeting held on

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		affected by the trawl ban, including the number of applications and its breakdown by types of vessels, as well as the timetable for the operation of the appeal mechanism for unsuccessful EGA applications.	5 February 2013.
	5 February 2013	The Administration was requested to provide a copy of the document that trawler owners were requested to sign upon receipt of EGA.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1493/12-13 on 28 June 2013.
7. Animal police	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on its consideration and decision on request for the setting up "animal police" teams to handle cases of animal cruelty.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1666/12-13 on 30 July 2013.
8. Regulation of private columbaria	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on enforcement actions against unauthorized private columbaria and assistance given to affected families to handle the displaced cremains.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1684/12-13 on 5 August 2013.
9. Regulation of the use of pesticides and control of pesticide residues in food	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on the cooperation with relevant Mainland	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1731/12-13 on

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		authorities regarding the use of pesticides and the control of pesticide residues in food.	22 August 2013.
10. Agricultural policy	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on its agricultural policy, including measures to encourage the development of local agriculture.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1732/12-13 on 23 August 2013.
11. Genetically modified food	12 March 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the breakdown of genetically modified food available on the local market by types and sales volume.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/12-13 on 23 August 2013.
12. Food surveillance	12 March 2013	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on whether any follow-up actions had been taken by the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS") in response to the recent media reports on fluorescent pork; and the surveillance work carried out by CFS in response to the recent media reports on the problem of mislabelled fish in the United States and Europe in which cheaper types of fish were substituted for more expensive species.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1691/12-13 on 7 August 2013.

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13. Regulation of pet trading	16 April 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide written response on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) whether the maximum number of Animal Breeder Licence Category A and Animal Breeder Licence Category B would be specified in the legislative proposal; and (b) whether the Administration would require hobby breeders to complete relevant training programmes before approving their applications for licences. 	Response awaited.
14. Issues relating to the implementation of the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 ("Amendment Regulation")	28 May 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the details and number of non-compliance cases which the enforcement agency had exercised discretion and decided not to pursue prosecution; (b) the number of enquiries made by the Custom and Excise Department to FHB seeking assistance in judging whether or not certain products fell 	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1647/12-13 on 24 July 2013.

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		<p>within the regulatory ambit of the Amendment Regulation;</p> <p>(c) the notification provided by the Government to the World Trade Organization ("WTO") on the Amendment Regulation; and</p> <p>(d) the response of WTO to the Government's notification.</p>	
15. Inspection on liquor-licensed premises	13 June 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of prosecutions that the number of persons on the liquor-licensed premises had exceeded the capacity limit.	Response awaited.
16. Issues relating to the operating environment of public markets	9 July 2013	The Administration was requested to provide the detailed scope or the proposed outline of the consultancy study for improving the operating environment of public markets once available for members' information.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1694/12-13(01) on 7 August 2013.
17. Issues relating to stray cattle	9 July 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the investigation result of the traffic accident in Lantau Island where a number of stray cattle	Response awaited.

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		were suspected to have been hit by a vehicle in June 2013.	

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