

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions (position as at 4 February 2015)

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (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 organizers' intention to display some exhibits at Times Square; (c) a copy of the undertaking that the Police requested the organizers to sign for the returning of the exhibits; and (d) information on applications for Places of 	Response from the Home Affairs Bureau awaited.

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		Public Entertainment Licence for the display of art items.	
2. Food surveillance programme	11 March 2014	The Administration was requested to provide information on the maximum permitted concentrations for heavy metals and other harmful substances in food according to the respective standards adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Europe Union, the Mainland, the United States and Hong Kong.	Response from the Administration awaited.
3. Regulation of pet trading	8 July 2014	As regards the proposed requirement of animal breeders to attend compulsory training, the Administration was requested to provide information about the training programmes, including such as the content of the programmes; and whether and how the breeders would be assessed after completion of such programmes.	Response from the Administration awaited.
4. Follow-up measures on problem food products produced by Husi food factory in Shanghai	3 September 2014 (special meeting)	The Administration was requested to - (a) provide information on the time taken by each of the nine food chains (namely McDonald's Restaurants (Hong Kong) Limited, Pizza Hut, IKEA, Yoshinoya Hong Kong, Burger King, Starbucks, KFC, 7-Eleven and Subway) in	The Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)666/14-15 and CB(2)757/14-15 on 16 and 30 January 2015 respectively.

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		<p>responding to (i) CFS's enquiries about whether they had imported food from Husi plants in the Mainland; and/or (ii) CFS's requests for providing the required transaction records on food imported from Husi plants in the Mainland;</p> <p>(b) provide a written response to concerns raised by some members at the informal briefing conducted by the Administration on 28 July 2014 for the update on problem food products produced by Husi Food Company Limited in the Mainland, including (i) whether the Administration would consider increasing the maximum penalties for failure to comply with the record keeping requirements as stipulated in the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612); (ii) whether the Administration would consider specifying the time requirement for food traders to respond to CFS's requests for the required transaction records in case of food incident; and (iii) the follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration in enhancing the regulation of cooked meat; and</p> <p>(c) provide the Panel with information on the results of the investigation into the Husi</p>	

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		food factories by the Mainland authorities when the investigation report was made known to the Administration.	
5. Reprovisioning of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's Sai Yee Street Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-Vehicle Depot to Yen Ming Road, West Kowloon reclamation area	11 November 2014	During the discussion of the item, Dr Helena WONG suggested that the Vehicle Depot of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") could be reprovisioned and co-located in a multi-storey building with the FEHD Refuse Collection Point ("RCP") at the Fuk Wa Street/Fuk Wing Street/Camp Street site, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon (which was proposed under another agenda item). The Administration considered Dr WONG's suggestion not feasible and undertook to provide, after the meeting, a written response regarding the suggestion.	Response from the Administration awaited.
6. Sub-standard lard incident and food safety issues of cooking oil	11 November 2014	Referring to paragraph 19 of the Administration's discussion paper for the meeting about the incorrect export declarations for edible lard made by the three oil exporters between January 2013 and July 2014, the Administration was requested to provide supplementary information in response to members' concern about the investigation work carried out by C&ED and whether these cases involved any breaches of laws and regulations.	The Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)667/14-15 and CB(2)756/14-15 on 16 and 30 January 2015 respectively.
7. The management of stray	9 December 2014	The Administration was requested to provide	Response from the

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cattle		information on the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's considerations in deciding whether or not fencing or cattle grids would be used to abate the nuisance caused by stray cattle to residents or road users in Sai Kung and Lantau Island.	Administration awaited.
8. The implementation of the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation (Cap. 132CM) ("the Regulation")	9 December 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(a) regarding the Administration's paper on the implementation of the Regulation (LC Paper No. CB(2)384/14-15(12)), provide (i) written response to the concerns and issues raised by Dr Hon Helena WONG in her letter dated 8 December 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)428/14-15(01)); and (ii) information on the investigation results (including the source farms / vegetable processing establishments) on the 28 unsatisfactory vegetable samples detected by the Centre for Food Safety between 1 August and 30 November 2014, in particular, the samples which were suspected to be originated from vegetable processing establishments not registered with the Mainland inspection and quarantine authorities; and</p> <p>(b) as regards the Administration's earlier</p>	The Chinese and English versions of the Administration's response were issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)668/14-15 and CB(2)758/14-15 on 16 and 30 January 2015 respectively.

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		<p>proposal to remove three pesticides (namely, fosetyl aluminium, thidiazuron and triphenyltin hydroxide) from Schedule 1 to the Regulation, provide supplementary information on (i) the details of the meeting (e.g. purpose and nature of the meeting, availability of records of the meeting, etc.) between the Administration and the State General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine ("AQSIQ") held in Chengdu at which AQSIQ put forward the proposal for removing the three pesticides; (ii) whether AQSIQ had provided any scientific justifications to support its views on removing the three pesticides concerned from Schedule 1 to the Regulation; and (iii) the Administration's rationale for accepting AQSIQ's views.</p>	
<p>9. The new agricultural policy and related supportive measures</p>	<p>13 January 2015</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide written response to members' enquiries on the following -</p> <p>(a) the objectives of the proposed new policy on modernization and sustainable development of local agriculture;</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		<p>(b) the considerations for setting the standard tenancy agreements for prospective tenants in the Agricultural Park ("Agri-Park") to 5-year terms; and</p> <p>(c) whether the prospective tenants in the Agri-Park would be allowed to stay overnight in the Park to facilitate their daily farming work.</p>	