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Clerk to Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
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Ms Alice Leung
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Dear Ms Leung,

Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Handling of unsold food by stall tenants of public markets

Thank you for your letter of 10 April 2015 referring the letter of 20 March 2015 from Dr Hon. Kenneth CHAN to the Panel Chairman, Hon. Tommy CHEUNG, on handling of unsold food by stall tenants of public markets. I am authorised to reply as follows.

In support of the Government's waste reduction initiatives, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has been actively participating in the Food Waste Recycling Partnership Scheme organised by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). Apart from collaborating with EPD in planning source-separated food waste collection from public markets for recycling, FEHD has, since end-2012, installed on a trial basis a

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food waste composter at the Tai Shing Street Market in Wong Tai Sin for on-site conversion of food waste into compost. FEHD also actively participates in EPD's Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign and assists in the drafting of the "Food Waste Reduction Good Practice Guide" for the market sector. Moreover, in 2014, FEHD's Centre for Food Safety has issued a "Food Safety Guidelines for Food Recovery" to assist organisations in ensuring food safety while conducting food donation activities.

FEHD will continue to work in collaboration with EPD in taking forward any initiatives relating to the recovery of food from stall operators in public markets.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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