

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions (position as at 7 March 2016)

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| 1. 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 European Union, the Mainland, the United States and Hong Kong. | Response from the Administration awaited. |
| 2. 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. |
| 3. Promotion of green burials | 14 April 2015 | When discussing the item of provision of columbarium and Garden of Remembrance at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun, members requested the Administration to provide information on measures taken and/or to be taken to promote green burial. | Response from the Administration awaited. |

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| 4. Legibility requirement for nutrition labels of the prepackaged food products | 14 April 2015 | When discussing the item of reduction of sugar and salt content in food, there was a request for the Administration to provide information on the enforcement actions including prosecutions taken against non-compliance with the legibility requirement for nutrition labels of prepackaged food products under the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W) since the publication of the Public Account Committee Report No. 57 in February 2012 which covered, inter alia, food labelling. | The Chinese version of the Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1023/15-16 on 4 March 2016. |
| | 9 June 2015 | The Administration was requested to provide details of the case(s) which involved illegible nutrition label since the issuance of the Trade Guidelines on Preparation of Legible Food Label in May 2012 and the follow-up actions taken by the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS") on the case(s). | |
| 5. Declaration requirements for food imported from Japan | 12 May 2015 | During the discussion on the implementation of the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612), the Administration was requested to provide information on the number of cases that importers did not state the relevant prefecture of Japan where the food came from or provided wrong information on the place of | The Chinese version of the Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1024/15-16 on 4 March 2016. |

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| | | origin in the relevant customs declaration documents since the implementation of the import ban on Japanese food and the follow-up actions taken by CFS on the cases. | |
| 6. Small Volume Exemption ("SVE") scheme for prepackaged food products with annual sales volume of 30 000 units or below | 9 June 2015 | During the discussion on the implementation of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme, the Administration was requested to provide information on the number of samples of SVE products taken for testing under the annual sampling programme of CFS over the past three years and whether there were any non-compliance cases with the relevant food safety legislation. | The Chinese version of the Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1023/15-16 on 4 March 2016. |
| 7. Measures to improve the operating environment of public markets | Meetings of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets | The Administration was requested to - (a) collect views of stall operators in markets without air-conditioning facilities on whether to take forward the retrofitting of air conditioning facilities in their respective markets and provide the Panel with the results (including the percentage of tenants who are in support of the retrofitting of air-conditioning facilities) in the fourth quarter of 2015; and | Response from the Administration awaited. |

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| | | (b) provide the Panel with information on the outcomes of the consultation with the tenants and the Market Management Consultative Committees of the relevant markets (and other markets, if any) on the improvement proposals for six selected markets and the finalized improvement plans. | |
| 8. Consultation with the veterinary profession on the salient features of the proposed rules governing the election of members from the veterinary profession to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong ("VSB") | 10 November 2015 | The Administration was requested to provide for members' reference a copy of its consultation materials issued to the veterinary profession (such as letters to all registered veterinary surgeons in Hong Kong and relevant veterinary organizations including VSB and the Hong Kong Veterinary Association) inviting views and comments on the salient features of the proposed election rules. | Response from the Administration awaited. |
| 9. Expenditure on the "Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home" Campaign conducted between August and September 2015 ("the campaign") | 8 December 2015 | Noting that a number of events and activities that helped fortify cross-sectoral collaboration and community-wide participation had been conducted during the campaign, members requested the Administration to provide a detailed breakdown of the expenditure on various initiatives, including that on publicity and public education activities to enhance | Response from the Administration awaited. |

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| | | public awareness of their responsibility to upkeep personal, home and community hygiene. | |
| 10. Temporary storage facilities for displaced ashes and the provision of new niches | 12 January 2016 | <p>During the discussion on anticipated issues that must be handled at the initial stage of the implementation of the licensing regime on private columbaria, the Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the following information -</p> <p>(a) details of the existing temporary storage facilities in government cemeteries, columbaria and crematoria for displaced ashes, including the number of temporary storage spaces yet occupied, the application procedures and charge for use of such service, the maximum storage period as well as the procedures for descendants concerned to retrieve/claim back the ashes stored in government temporary storage facilities; and</p> <p>(b) the Government's efforts in facilitating the provision of new niches by religious bodies and non-governmental organizations, and the respective</p> | Response from the Administration awaited. |

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| | | numbers of existing niches and new niches to be provided by these bodies/ organizations in the coming few years. | |

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