

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions (position as at 18 October 2016)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Annual report on the Food Surveillance Programme of the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS")	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.
	8 March 2016	In the context of receiving the Administration's briefing on the Food Surveillance Programme in 2015 and the major surveillance results for the period, the Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the following information: (a) its written response to the issues raised in Dr Hon Helena WONG's letter dated 4 March 2016 annexed to the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016; (b) among the 49 prosecutions initiated by the Food and Environmental Hygiene	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>Department ("FEHD") from June 2012 to December 2015 against unlicensed food premises selling food online, the number of successful prosecutions taken out; and</p> <p>(c) whether FEHD had any performance pledge for processing applications for permits for online sale of restricted foods; and if yes, the details.</p>	
<p>2. Measures to improve the operating environment of public markets</p>	<p>Meetings of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		the improvement proposals for six selected markets and the finalized improvement plans.	
3. 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.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1891/15-16 on 11 July 2016.
4. 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 public awareness of their responsibility to upkeep personal, home and community hygiene.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1958/15-16 on 5 August 2016.

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<p>5. Temporary storage facilities for displaced ashes and the provision of new niches</p>	<p>12 January 2016</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 (b) the Government's efforts in facilitating the provision of new niches by religious bodies and non-governmental organizations, and the respective numbers of existing niches and new niches to be provided by these bodies/organizations in the coming few years. 	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2072/15-16 on 26 September 2016.</p>

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6. Implementation of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme	8 March 2016	The Administration was requested to provide detailed information on CFS's publicity and educational programmes to enhance public understanding of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme and to educate consumers on how to make use of the information available on nutrition labels to make healthier food choices.	Response from the Administration awaited.
7. Supply of public niches and review of the existing niche allocation system	12 April 2016	<p>During the discussion on the item "Provision of columbarium at Wo Hop Shek Cemetery - Phase 1", members requested the Administration to provide the Panel with the following information:</p> <p>(a) regarding the district-based columbarium development scheme under which the Administration had identified 24 potential sites in the 18 districts for columbarium development, the latest progress of work in each of the sites including the results of consultation with relevant District Councils on/the target implementation or completion date of respective projects;</p> <p>(b) the estimated number of new niches to be provided by FEHD in the coming five to</p>	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1531/15-16 on 18 May 2016.

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		<p>10 years and their locations; and</p> <p>(c) whether and, if yes, when the Administration would review the existing niche allocation system under which public niches were allocated by way of ballot; and whether consideration would be given to according priority in purchasing niches to those applicants who had participated in several ballots but still had not been allocated niches and, if yes, the details of the new arrangement(s).</p>	
8. Import control on poultry eggs	10 May 2016	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown by places of origin of the 1 029 consignments of poultry eggs inspected by FEHD between 5 December 2015 and 31 March 2016.	Response from the Administration awaited.
9. Issues relating to animal welfare and cruelty to animals	Meetings of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Animal Welfare and Cruelty to Animals	<p>The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the following issues:</p> <p>(a) the results of the review of the definition of "cruelty to animals" and "animal" respectively under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		(Cap. 169) and the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374); and (b) the overall test results as well as the outcome of the study on commercial pet food products available in Hong Kong.	