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Clerk to the Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Ms Josephine SO)

Dear Ms So,

## Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene List of Follow-up Actions

In response to your letter of 18 July 2018 addressed to the Secretary for Food and Health (SFH) and SFH's letter to you on 31 August 2018, we hereby provide the response in respect of the Special Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (i.e. Item 7 as set out in the abovementioned SFH's letter) as follows:

## Special Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme

The Special Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (the Scheme) seeks to assist genuine farmers displaced by our New Development Area (NDA) projects to continue farming elsewhere. We have been making preparations for the scheme including identifying government or private land that may be suitable for agricultural rehabilitation. So far, we have identified about 4 ha of government land in the North District. We are ascertaining the suitability of these sites and assessing the scope of works that may be required to render the land farmable. Through a site search covering Kwu Tung North, Kwu Tung

South, Ping Kong and Fanling North, we have previously identified about 19 ha of private land. But response from most owners is not positive. We will consider what more could be done to solicit support from private land owners in joining the Scheme.

Meanwhile, we are formulating detailed arrangements under the Scheme such as the rental level and lease terms. In the process we would draw reference from the proposed arrangements for the Agri-Park Phase 1. We have planned to meet with farmers concerned in the last quarter of 2018 tentatively so that their views can be taken into account in finalising the detailed arrangements.

We are working towards the objective of rendering best possible assistance to affected farmers and facilitate them to resume farming elsewhere should they so wish. Our aim is to launch the Scheme in good time to tie in with the clearance of active farmland in the Kwu Tung North/Fanling North NDA project.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Development

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Secretary for Food and Health (Attn: Mr. Bill WONG)