

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 8 October 2018)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Work on the review of export control on powdered formulae	9 January 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) among the 60,000,000 kg of powdered formulae imported into Hong Kong in 2016, the volume of powdered formulae re-exported to the Mainland in the same year; and</p> <p>(b) whether consideration would be given to enhancing public education on the nutritional need of infants and young children aged between 12 to 36 months to reduce the reliance of local parents on powdered formulae products.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(2)1977/17-18(01) on 4 September 2018.</p>
2. Safety control for imported fruits and vegetables	13 February 2018	<p>During the discussion on the Administration's response to the Office of The Ombudsman's direct investigation report on Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's system of safety control for imported fruits and vegetables, members requested the Administration to provide the following information:</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide Annex B to LC Paper No. CB(2)1977/17-18(01) on 4 September 2018.</p>

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		<p>(a) whether the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS") had any plan to collect more samples of fruits, vegetables and related products imported by land/sea for testing under its Food Surveillance Programme and if yes, the anticipated increase in the number of samples to be collected for testing in 2018;</p> <p>(b) regarding the collection of samples of fruits and vegetables in storage compartments of lorries at Man Kam To Food Control Point, details of the new sampling procedure to be adopted by CFS and the respective percentages of samples planned to be taken at different parts of storage compartments of lorries (e.g. near the door of the compartment, at the middle, inner and higher part of the compartment); and</p> <p>(c) details of the testing and inspections (e.g. steps and procedures included) conducted by CFS and/or Vegetable Marketing Organization on (i) local vegetables and (ii) vegetables imported from the Mainland.</p>	

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3. New allocation arrangement for public niches	10 April 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the following information:</p> <p>(a) regarding the proposed extendable arrangement for the use of niches, (i) details of the interim measures to be introduced for handling interred ashes that had to be removed from public niches after the expiry of the interment period and (ii) the available choices of final disposal other than the ash disposal methods as set out in paragraph (d) of Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(2)1157/17-18(04), e.g. providing temporary storage of ashes in government facilities;</p> <p>(b) the amount of the proposed new fees for extendable standard and large niches, respectively for (i) the initial 20-year interment period; (ii) subsequent co-location of ashes of the second deceased for initial interment and (iii) each 10-year extension period thereafter, preferably with examples to illustrate the fee proposals in different scenarios as set</p>	<p>The Administration's interim response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1236/17-18(01) on 18 April 2018.</p> <p>The Administration's supplementary response was circulated vide Annex C to LC Paper No. CB(2)1977/17-18(01) on 4 September 2018.</p>

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		<p>out in paragraph 6 of LC Paper No. CB(2)1157/17-18(04);</p> <p>(c) whether the Administration would reconsider members' suggestion that organizations or community bodies could be nominated as niche allocatees or their representatives to apply for extension of interment by the expiry of the interment period; and</p> <p>(d) the Administration's publicity efforts to advise the public on the new allocation arrangement, including the extendable arrangement for the use of niches, the allocation of niches by computer balloting on a random basis and the proposal to give additional ballot weighting to specified groups of applications.</p>	
4. The liquor licensing regime	10 April 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the measures to be taken by the Administration to (i) address the nuisances caused by the operation of bars to the surrounding environment</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1833/17-18(01) on 16 July 2018.</p>

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		<p>and (ii) effectively handle complaints lodged by the public against bars and restaurants;</p> <p>(b) the number of liquor licence applications rejected by the Liquor Licensing Board ("LLB") in the past three years due to adverse comments/objections received from members of the public or relevant government departments (e.g. the Police);</p> <p>(c) the number of cases (in the past three years, breakdown by new application and licence renewal) in which LLB had imposed additional conditions on the licensed premises, after taking into account the advice from the relevant government departments and the views received during the consultation; and</p> <p>(d) the overall direction and the outcome of the Administration's review of matters related to LLB and the liquor licensing regime.</p>	

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5. The "Trap-Neuter-Return" ("TNR") trial programme for stray dogs	8 May 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information/response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) a breakdown by (i) nature, (ii) districts and (iii) follow-up actions taken by the Administration of the 4 268 complaints related to stray dog nuisance territory-wide received in 2017;(b) the respective number of prosecutions taken out by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department against persons for (i) abandoning animals (including dogs) without reasonable excuse, (ii) failing to keep proper control of dogs in public places or (iii) contravening the requirements under the Rabies Ordinance (Cap. 421) and its subsidiary legislation on licensing, implantation of microchips and vaccination against rabies for dogs in the past three years; and(c) whether the Administration had any plan to continue with the implementation of and extend the TNR trial programme across the territory.	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide Annex D to LC Paper No. CB(2)1977/17-18(01) on 4 September 2018.</p>

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6. Proposal to amend the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) to include "dog" and "cat"	8 May 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) explain, with illustrative examples, the legal responsibility of a driver of a vehicle in case of accidents involving knocking down or killing of an animal (including cats and/or dogs) under various pieces of existing legislation; and (b) respond to a member's enquiry as to whether the Administration would draw reference to animal protection laws of other jurisdictions (e.g. the Animal Protection Act of Taiwan) and consider making it an offence for a driver of a vehicle to knock down an animal in a road accident, in contravention of traffic regulations or failure to pay attention to road conditions when driving, causing injury to or even death of any animal. 	The Administration's response was circulated vide Annex E to LC Paper No. CB(2)1977/17-18(01) on 4 September 2018.
7. The Second Hong Kong Population-based Food Consumption Survey ("Second FSC")	8 May 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the detailed methodology and survey/ interview arrangements adopted for conducting the Second FSC and a copy 	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1905/17-18(01) on 2 August 2018.

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		<p>of the questionnaires used in the surveys for collecting information from respondents on (i) foods and drinks consumed in a specific 24-hour period (24-hour diet recall) and (ii) the consumption of certain foods in the past 12 months (food frequency questionnaire); and</p> <p>(b) the criteria for selecting food items/dishes (in particular, those items of special interest for risk assessment such as "marinated chicken feet") for inclusion in the food frequency questionnaire to obtain food consumption data.</p>	
8. Issues relating to the proposed establishment of the Agricultural Park ("the Agri-Park")	10 July 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) whether assistance/compensation (e.g. rehousing the households concerned, granting ex-gratia payment and/or identifying land for agricultural rehabilitation) would be provided to farmers operating in proximity to the proposed site of the Agri-Park (including the proposed road works of</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide Annex F to LC Paper No. CB(2)1977/17-18(01) on 4 September 2018.</p>

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		<p>the Agri-Park Phase 1) if they were forced to move out by the landowners;</p> <p>(b) the justifications for proceeding with the infrastructure works of Phase 1 of the Agri-Park, including the proposed road works gazetted on 3 November 2017; and whether consideration would be given to improving the existing road network in the vicinity of the Agri-Park Phase 1 in lieu of proceeding with the proposed road works;</p> <p>(c) the criteria for determining the rental levels and the duration of tenancy agreements for leasing the farmland in the Agri-Park for cultivation; and</p> <p>(d) the number and nature of objections received from green groups, representatives of landowners, farmers and local villagers on the proposed road works of the Agri-Park Phase 1.</p>	

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	5 October 2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a detailed consolidated response to views raised by members and deputations at the special meeting and expressed in written submissions received, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the justifications for constructing a single two-lane carriageway, as gazetted on 3 November 2017, for the Agri-Park Phase 1; (b) whether the alternative road works option put forward by a deputation as set out in LC Paper No. CB(2)2065/17-18(06) would be considered; and (c) the criteria for determining the rent and standard tenancy period (i.e. 5 years) for leasing the farmland in the Agri-Park for cultivation, as well as the criteria for renewal of tenancy agreements. 	Response from the Administration awaited.
9. Rehabilitation of fallow farmland	10 July 2018	The Administration was requested to provide more detailed information about the Special Agricultural Land Rehabilitation	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No.

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		<p>Scheme ("SALRS"), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the government and private land that had been identified so far for matching under SALRS for agricultural rehabilitation, categorized by size and location; (b) the number of affected farmers who had registered under SALRS and details of the consultations with those affected farmers in a bid to facilitate agricultural rehabilitation; (c) whether the Administration would provide guarantee for the affected farmers to secure land for agricultural rehabilitation under SALRS; (d) the standard tenancy terms for land identified for agricultural rehabilitation under SALRS, e.g. the lease terms, the rental etc.; and (e) the implementation timetable of SALRS. 	<p>CB(2)1978/17-18(01) on 4 September 2018.</p>