

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene****List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 10 April 2019)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
1. Post-typhoon follow-up efforts under the purview of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD")	13 November 2018	The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the outcome of the review coordinated by the Security Bureau on the handling of super typhoons (once available), highlighting the parts relevant to FEHD including measures to be adopted to ensure that FEHD's outsourced service contractors would have sufficient resources and manpower to handle the cleansing work after the passage of super typhoons.	Response from the Administration awaited.
2. Certification system for organic food	11 December 2018	The Administration was requested to provide the following information:  (a) the number of inspections (including regular and spot checks) conducted by the Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre ("HKORC") on the 140 food production units that had been certified under HKORC's certification system, and the follow-up actions taken by the Administration or HKORC in case of any non-compliance with HKORC's certification standards and requirements was found;	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>(b) the number of operations carried out by the Customs and Excise Department ("C&amp;ED") against the sale of counterfeit organic food/false claim of organic produce over the past few years, and the number of prosecutions instituted against contraventions of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362);</p> <p>(c) whether the Administration would consider tasking the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department or the Centre for Food Safety, instead of HKORC and C&amp;ED, to conduct inspections on certified production units and retailers of organic food products for ensuring compliance with relevant certification standards and labelling requirements in relation to the production and sale of organic food; and</p> <p>(d) whether the Administration would consider putting in place a mechanism for monitoring and reporting cases of selling fake organic food or labelling of certification marks on unauthenticated food.</p>	

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3. Issues relating to the proposed arrangements for re-allocation of vacant hawker pitches	28 January 2019	Members noted that the Administration would brief and consult the seven District Councils with fixed pitches to be re-allocated and relevant stakeholders on the proposed arrangements for re-allocation of suitable/ vacant hawker pitches before finalizing the allocation mechanism with an aim to taking forward the re-allocation in the third quarter of 2019. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel before the end of the 2018-2019 legislative session the outcome of the consultation and the finalized arrangements for re-allocating the vacant pitches.	Response from the Administration awaited.
4. Proposal to tighten the management of licensed fish rafts and to review the licence conditions for renewal of existing marine fish culture licences ("MFCLs")	12 February 2019	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the following information timely before the special meeting scheduled for receiving views from deputations on the Administration's proposal:</p> <p>(a) the proposed conditions (i.e. mariculture standards), with details, for renewal of existing MFCLs which had been put forward for consultation with the mariculture sector and relevant stakeholders; and</p>	The Administration's response was set out in its discussion paper provided for the special meeting on 2 April 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(2)1059/18-19(01)).

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		(b) the rationale for reviewing and tightening the mariculture standards as well as the considerations behind the proposed licence conditions.	
5. Supply of niches and issues relating to the implementation of the Private Columbaria Ordinance (Cap. 630)	12 March 2019	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the estimated supply of niches in the coming 10 years with a breakdown by source of supply/provider covering (i) public niches provided by FEHD and (ii) private niches provided by private columbaria or (iii) niches provided in columbarium facilities of non-government bodies;</p> <p>(b) the number of applicants who were not allocated with a new public niche in the last major allocation exercise completed in 2016, and the estimated average "waiting/queuing" time for these unsuccessful applicants be allocated with a public niche through future allocation exercises;</p> <p>(c) whether the Administration had assessed the overall demand for niches in the coming 10 years and if yes, the projection</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>with relevant details; and whether the projected supply of public and private niches within the same period could meet the demand; and</p> <p>(d) the numbers of (i) inspections conducted to private columbaria, (ii) enforcement actions taken against illegal operation of private columbaria and (iii) prosecution instituted against operators suspected of engaging in illegal operation, since the implementation of the Private Columbaria Ordinance.</p>	
6. Initiatives on the reduction of salt and sugar in food	12 March 2019	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) enforcement actions taken over the past few years against false claims of "low salt", "no salt", "low sugar" and "no sugar" on the packaging labels (including nutrition labels or the specific display labels used under the voluntary "Salt/Sugar" Label Scheme for Prepackaged Food Products) of prepackaged food products for breach of the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W); and</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		(b) the resources deployed by government departments and the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food for promoting territory-wide salt and sugar reduction over the past few years.	
7. Food safety of online food sale	12 March 2019	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the number of food samples taken for chemical and microbiological tests from food premises/food factories which supplied food to ultimate consumers through online platforms over the past few years, and the actions taken in those cases with food tested to have contained pesticide residue or metallic contamination exceeding the relevant statutory standards; and</p> <p>(b) the numbers of (i) inspections/ investigations (including decoy operations) conducted over the past few years to the place of business of 395 online food sale platforms which had obtained permits for sale of restricted food online and to the food premises/food factories supplying food for purchase online; (ii) checks against food suppliers</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		on whether the food purchased online was stored at a safe and proper temperature during the transportation/delivery process to customers; and (iii) the enforcement actions taken against cases involving breaches of the food safety laws.	
8. Use of fish feed	2 April 2019	<p>When discussing the proposal to strengthen the management of licensed marine fish farms, the Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the differences between using trash fish and dry pellet feed in fish farming in respect of cost, nutritional content, hygiene, availability, effectiveness in fish culturing and impact on the environment and ecology (backed up with scientific and technical information where available); and</p> <p>(b) types of dry pellet feed available in the local market.</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.