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Miss Betty Ma
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Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Miss Ma,

**Panel on Manpower
Follow-up action**

During the discussion on the situation of occupational health in Hong Kong at the Legislative Council Panel on Manpower meeting on 19 November 2019, the Labour Department (LD) was requested to provide the following information:

The guidelines issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to its employees and cleansing service contractors on points to note and the use of personal protective equipment for cleaning residues of tear gas and chemicals from Specialized Crowd Management Vehicles when carrying out street cleaning exercises.

The guidelines are provided at Annex.

Yours sincerely,

(WOO Ming-lau)
for Commissioner for Labour

c.c. Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
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**FEHD's guidelines on handling of major public events
which might affect the occupational safety and health of cleansing workers
issued to its staff and its street cleansing contractor**

The guidelines issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to its street cleansing service contractors (which are generally the same as those issued to in-house staff) are as follows:

Contractors should arrange resumption of public cleansing service after the affected locations have resumed normal situations in accordance with the instructions of staff of respective District Cleansing Sections.

If the locations of major public events are likely to have chemical residues, contractors should conduct risk assessment and take appropriate precautionary measures, which include providing cleansing workers with sufficient and proper personal protective equipment for delivery of street cleansing and washing services. Cleansing workers should wear masks, gloves, sleeves and non-slippery boots when carrying out their work, and put on N95 (or compatible) masks, goggles and caps if it is deemed necessary upon risk assessment made. Upon requests of cleansing workers, contractors should provide them with N95 (or compatible) masks.

If the affected public places are suspected of having chemical residues, tools such as high pressure hot water cleaners or pressure washer surface cleaners should not be used in order to avoid stirring up the residual materials. Moreover, when operating street washing vehicles, the staff should turn off the auxiliary engines of the vehicles or adjust the water pressure level of the nozzles to the minimum to avoid dispersion of the residual materials.

Upon discovery of ammunition, ammunition case, dangerous goods or chemical waste, cleansing workers must report to staff of respective District Cleansing Sections. The Department will then refer the case to the police or relevant departments for follow-up.

Individuals who exposed to chemical residues with persistent symptoms should promptly consult healthcare professionals.

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