Consultation Schedule and Way Forward

31 March 2011
Technical Meetings

- Three technical meetings
  - 21 January 2011
  - 1 March 2011
  - 31 March 2011
Concerns Raised

- Local traders/farmers
  - food classification, processed food, etc.
- Laboratories
  - laboratory technical support
- Local farmers/pesticide suppliers
  - registration and MRL setting of new pesticides in Hong Kong
Coming tasks

1. Form a technical working group on food classification
2. Arrange technical briefing on laboratory analysis
3. Conduct briefings on specific issues
4. Progress update to all participants
Technical Working Group on Food Classification

**Purpose**
- To examine food classification, processed food and other related issues, and to develop guidelines if necessary.

**Target participants:**
- Familiar with the Codex Classification of Food
- To contribute to the identification and classification of food that are unique to the Asian diet according to the Codex’s classification, and
- To develop relevant guidelines on food classification and processed food if necessary
Technical Working Group on Food Classification

❖ First Meeting
❖ 20 April 2011, pm
❖ Conference Room, 1/F, New Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

❖ The wider audience of the trade will be consulted subsequently with the initial resolutions.
Technical Briefing on Testing

Purpose
- To discuss technical concerns about testing pesticide residues in food in detail

Target participants:
- Laboratory representatives
- To further discuss the technical issues including test methods, instrumentation and analytical performance criteria approaches

Expected to be held in May 2011
More Briefings & Progress Update

- More briefings for specific sectors depending on the needs, e.g.
  - Local farmers
  - Pesticide suppliers

- Progress update to all participants in June 2011
Way Forward

- Update of preliminary set of proposed residue limits (up to first quarter of 2011)
- Consult LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene and the public in July 2011
- Introduce the relevant legislation into the LegCo towards the end of 2011
Thank You