

# 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