

Progress Report on Consultative Sessions with Various Stakeholders

22 June 2011

Technical Meetings

- ✿ Four technical meetings with key stakeholders (including food manufacturers, importers, distributors and retailers; local farmers; pesticide suppliers; laboratory representatives) to discuss related technical issues between January and June 2011
 - ✿ 1st meeting – 21 January 2011
 - ✿ 2nd meeting – 1 March 2011
 - ✿ 3rd meeting – 31 March 2011
 - ✿ 4th meeting – 22 June 2011 (today)

Retail Task Force

- ✿ Consulted Retail Task Force (RTF) on 25.2.2011.
- ✿ RTF with representatives from the relevant business sectors is set up under the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee (BFAC) to conduct reviews on the regulatory framework of selected business sectors.

Subgroup meetings

(1) Laboratory representatives - Two Workshops on Pesticide Residue Testing

- 6 May 2011
- 9 June 2011

(2) Local farmers

- 11 May 2011

(3) Pesticide registrants and traders

- 23 May 2011
- 20 June 2011

Technical Working Group on Food Classification

✿ Two meetings :

- ✦ 20 April 2011
- ✦ 17 May 2011

✿ Terms of reference :

- Provide practical inputs on the use of MRL lists in relation to various types of foods;
- Contribute to the identification of food that are unique to the Asian and Hong Kong diet and their classification according to the Codex's food classification system; and
- Develop relevant guidelines for the trade if necessary.

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Proposed Regulatory Framework for Pesticide Residues in Food in Hong Kong

To better protect public health, facilitate effective regulatory control of pesticide residues in food and promote harmonization between local and international standards, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) proposes to introduce a new subsidiary legislation to govern pesticide residues in food in Hong Kong. The proposed regulatory framework is set out in the Consultation Document on "Proposed Regulatory Framework for Pesticide Residues in Food in Hong Kong".

CFS has started public consultation on the "Proposed Regulatory Framework for Pesticide Residues in Food in Hong Kong" on 13 November 2007. To introduce and discuss the proposed regulatory framework, two public consultation forums were held on 7 and 18 December 2007 respectively. The consultation period ended on 31 January 2008.

- [Public Consultation \(November 2007 - January 2008\)](#)
- [Symposium \(March 2009\)](#)
- [Technical Meeting \(January 2011 - ongoing\)](#)
- [Retail Task Force Meeting \(25 February 2011\)](#)
- [More Information](#)

Public Consultation (November 2007 – January 2008)

[Consultation Document on "Proposed Regulatory Framework for Pesticide Residues in Food in Hong Kong" – November 2007 \(PDF\)](#)

[Leaflet to Consultation Document – November 2007 \(PDF\)](#)

Symposium on Regulation of Pesticide Residues in Food (March 2009)

[Regional Symposium on Regulation of Pesticide Residues in Food \(27 & 28 March 2009\)](#)

The CFS is now working on the statutory residue limits for different kinds of food and refining the proposed regulatory framework, taking into account comments and views gathered from the consultation exercise and overseas experience.

Technical Meeting (January 2011- ongoing)

A series of technical meeting to discuss with trade and other interested stakeholders on technical

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Way Forward

- ✿ Consult the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in July 2011
- ✿ Two-month public consultation
- ✿ Introduce the proposed legislation to the Legislative Council towards the end of 2011

Thank you