

**Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Central and Western District
Market Management Consultative Committee
Digest of Meeting
(July 2016 – December 2016)**

Agenda	Summary	Market
1. <u>Obstruction of Passageway</u>	1.1 Number of prosecutions against obstruction of passageway since last meeting (1 July to 31 December 2016): <u>Sheung Wan Market</u> : 3 (1 wet goods stall, 2 vegetable stalls) <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> : 11 (6 vegetable stalls, 5 fish stalls) <u>Centre Street Market</u> : 2 (1 wet goods stall, 1 fruit stall) <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> : 6 (3 fruit stalls, 1 flower stall, 2 fish stalls) <u>Smithfield Market</u> : 17 (7 vegetable stalls, 9 fruit stalls, 1 food related dry goods stall) <u>Queen Street Cooked Food Market</u> : 0	<u>All markets</u>
2. <u>Management and Cleansing</u>	2.1 To enhance environmental hygiene to combat human swine influenza, “Market Cleansing Day” was introduced and would remain in force. The “Market Cleansing Day” for markets in the District was on the 5 th day and the 20 th day of	<u>All markets</u>

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	<p>each month. Stall operators were urged to enhance cleansing by cleaning up their own stalls on the cleansing days. They should move the shelves to facilitate cleansing and wash the walls to maintain environmental hygiene. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) reminded stall operators not to dump rubbish in the drainage pipes in order to avoid drain blockages.</p>	
	<p>2.2 Some stall operators pointed out that the passageways and lifts of the Market had been used for transporting refuse. To follow up the issue, the management company had stepped up inspections to stop such activities, and would arrange to close the gate to refuse depots after 8:00 p.m. every day, in order to stop refuse disposal via passageways.</p> <p>2.3 In response to media reports that fresh pigs were placed on floor and rats were found in Smithfield Market, FEHD made surprise visits in early morning for a number of days. Despite the fact that no improper handling or storage of food (such as pigs' carcasses) was found, FEHD had reminded meat stall</p>	<p><u>All markets</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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	<p>operators to make arrangements with the fresh meat delivery trade and take appropriate food protection measures in order to minimise the risk of food contamination. Besides, the contractor had also inspected and cleaned the refuse room more frequently, and stepped up pest control, including placing baits in places like meter rooms and installing cage traps to catch rodents. Meanwhile, the contractor would carry out thorough cleansing work every night after the close of business. FEHD urged stall operators to clear the rubbish inside their stalls to eliminate harbourages for rodents, in an effort to facilitate regular cleansing of stalls.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Ventilation</u></p>	<p>3.1 The replacement of water scrubber(s) on the second floor of the cooked food centre (CFC) in Sheung Wan Market was scheduled to be completed on 31 August. The CFC would be reopened on 1 September. Stall operators reported that the exhaust airflow volume was insufficient after the works. EMSD said that in addition to conducting small-scale works to improve the exhaust airflow volume, they would also carry out testing and fine-tuning</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p>

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	<p>for each stall.</p> <p>3.2 Some stall operators reported that the air-conditioning was inadequate in individual areas of the market. To follow up the issue, EMSD carried out inspections and found that the circuit board which controlled the air damper was broken, resulting in a failure to stop cooled air from leaking out through the air-conditioning outlet. EMSD completed the repair works on 29 September and would continue to monitor the air-conditioner and the air damper in question.</p>	<p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p>
<p>4. <u>Repairs and Maintenance</u></p>	<p>4.1 The refurbishment of the male and female toilets in Sheung Wan Market was completed on 2 October by ASD.</p> <p>4.2 The replacement of escalators (Nos. E1-E4) was expected to commence in March 2017.</p> <p>4.3 During a routine check conducted by EMSD contractors, water accumulation was found in the lift shaft of Lift L2, which caused severe damages to the mechanical parts of the lift. For the above reason, it would take longer time to complete</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p> <p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p> <p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u></p>

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	<p>the repair works. At present, the first stage of the repair works was completed and tested. The operation of the lift would be resumed on 13 October. Meanwhile, further repair and improvement works would be arranged by EMSD. FEHD found that in addition to water accumulation in the lift shaft, the lift doors were often found damaged by impact. Stall operators were urged to avoid improper use of the lift which would affect its normal operation.</p> <p>4.4 The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) said that the works of the West Block had been going fairly well. It was expected that the works would be completed in the first quarter of 2017. Facilities such as public toilets and market office, etc. would be available at the West Block by then. Also, the side lane between the East Block and the West Block, which provided a link between First Street and Second Street, would be reopened.</p>	<p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p>
	<p>4.5 The inflow of water from the construction site adjacent to Shek Tong Tsui Market through the cracks</p>	<p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p>

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	<p>on the market's external wall had caused the failure of Lift L6. The seepage area of the construction site adjacent to the market was repaired on 19 September. Waterproofing and stagnant water removal works were completed by FEHD and ASD. EMSD would provide a quotation for the repair works and had already ordered the parts required. Lift L6 resumed operation on 20 December.</p>	
	<p>4.6 As regards the recent wastewater leakage from the underground drainage pipes, FEHD had instructed the management company to cleanse the cesspit concerned twice a week and arrange monthly emptying of the drainage pipes by cesspit emptier in order to remove all the accumulated waste from the drainage pipes. The situation had improved now.</p>	<p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>
<p>5. <u>Standard of Fish Tank Water</u></p>	<p>5.1 All the 68 and 24 fish tank water samples taken between July and December 2016 for <i>E. coli</i> and <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> testing respectively were found satisfactory. FEHD reminded all live fish stall operators to pay constant attention to the sources of fish tank water, and to clean and maintain the disinfection facilities of the fish tanks properly.</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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6. <u>Market Promotion</u>	6.1 Market management contractors would distribute small gifts to market patrons at Christmas.	<u>All markets</u>
7. <u>Pest Problem</u>	7.1 A total of 315 rodents were trapped alive and poisoned dead between July and December 2016.	<u>All markets</u>
8. <u>Security Problem</u>	8.1 Stall operators had no special comments about the services provided by the security services contractor.	<u>All markets</u>
9. <u>Other Business</u>	9.1 FEHD and market management contractors were following up non-trading stalls in the market. In addition to verbal warnings, warning letters would also be issued to stalls which failed to rectify the irregularities. FEHD would continue to handle breaches of terms and conditions of the tenancy agreements by stall operators in a serious manner.	<u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u>

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