

**Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**  
**Central and Western District**  
**Market Management Consultative Committee**  
**Digest of Meeting**  
**(May 2018 – May 2019)**

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Market</b>
1. <u>Obstruction of Passageway</u>	1.1 Number of prosecutions against obstruction of passageway since last meeting (1 May 2018 to 31 May 2019): <u>Sheung Wan Market</u> : 6 (6 wet goods stalls) <u>Queen Street Cooked Food Market</u> : 0 <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> : 13 (7 vegetable stalls, 6 fish stalls) <u>Centre Street Market</u> : 6 (2 fruit stalls, 4 dry goods stalls) <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> : 24 (6 fruit stalls, 1 flower stall, 7 vegetable stalls, 5 fish stalls, 4 dry goods stalls, 1 wet goods stall) <u>Smithfield Market</u> : 16 (4 vegetable stalls, 4 fruit stalls, 5 dry goods stalls, 3 fish stalls)	<u>All markets</u>
2. <u>Management and Cleansing</u>	2.1 To enhance environmental hygiene, “Market Cleansing Day” was introduced and would remain in force. The “Market Cleansing Day” for markets in the District was on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day and the 20 <sup>th</sup> day of each month. Stall operators should enhance cleansing by cleaning up their own stalls on the cleansing days. They should move the shelves to facilitate cleansing and wash	<u>All markets</u>

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	<p>the walls to maintain environmental hygiene. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department reminded stall operators not to dump rubbish in the drainage pipes to avoid drain blockages.</p> <p>2.2 Some stall operators pointed out that cleansing workers had splashed passers-by when they washed the floor, and waste and leachate were spattered when they disposed of refuse, causing problems including slippery floors. The Department had urged the management company to enhance the management and training of the staff to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents.</p> <p>2.3 Some stall operators pointed out that cleansing workers had started cleansing of the market too early, which affected the patronage of market goers, and they also flushed rubbish into the drainage pipes. The management company had urged the staff to make rectifications and the situations were improved.</p>	<p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>
3. <u>Ventilation</u>	3.1 The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) completed the replacement of air dampers and windshield curtains at 2 entrances of the third street in the market in mid-July 2018.	<p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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	<p>3.2 The EMSD completed the replacement of 4 air cooling systems in the market in late December 2018. The new systems could effectively reduce electricity consumption and achieve energy saving.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Repairs and Maintenance</u></p>	<p>4.1 The EMSD completed the cleansing of fumes extracting systems for cooked food stalls in January 2019. The next cleansing work was expected to be carried out between June and July. The Department reminded cooked food stall operators that the range hood grease filters of their stalls had to be regularly washed to reduce fire risk.</p> <p>4.2 District Council Member Mr KAM Nai-wai was concerned about the grease problem of the oil-fume exhaust ducts of cooked food stalls. The EMSD would require the contractor to submit a report after cleansing the oil-fume exhaust ducts for assessment of the effectiveness and review of the frequency.</p> <p>4.3 The EMSD planned to commence the replacement works of passenger lift L6 in late May at the earliest, which was expected to take 4 months. The Department was discussing with the EMSD such details as the works schedule and implementation arrangements. After passenger lift L6 had been replaced, goods lifts L7 and L8 would be replaced one after another.</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Queen Street</u> <u>Cooked Food</u> <u>Market</u> <u>Centre Street</u> <u>Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui</u> <u>Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p> <p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p>

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	<p>4.4 The EMSD found a fire damper damaged in the air duct with the extraction capacity undermined when they checked and adjusted the extraction system of cooked food stalls. The repair works were completed on 17 August 2018 and the extraction system resumed normal.</p> <p>4.5 The EMSD completed the replacement of all cameras and the closed circuit television system in the market in May 2018.</p> <p>4.6 The EMSD erected a bamboo scaffold under the skylight to check and repair the damaged rain gutter on 12 November 2018. The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) would repair both gutters under the canopies at 2 entrances of the third street in the market.</p> <p>4.7 The ArchSD found a few broken glass tiles on the glass block wall above the entrance of the unloading area in the market. With the erection of a bamboo scaffold, inspection and repairs were carried out in December 2018.</p> <p>4.8 The EMSD completed replacing the steps of escalators E1, E2 and E3 in July 2018.</p> <p>4.9 To follow up the water seepage problems of individual stalls during</p>	<p><u>Queen Street Cooked Food Market</u></p> <p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u></p> <p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u></p> <p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u></p> <p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p>

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	<p>rainy days, the ArchSD carried out remedial measures in September 2018, and the situation was improved.</p> <p>4.10 The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) had removed the broken concrete of the exterior wall of the East Block where the Department had replaced the lighting on the exterior wall of its side lane. The rectifications and improvements of the West Block were being completed progressively by the MTRCL. Some outstanding project items, including those involving alteration of building plans, would commence once approval was granted by the Buildings Department.</p> <p>4.11 A fire broke out at the cooked food centre on 2/F in the afternoon of 10 July 2018. With the activation of automatic sprinkler system and the prompt arrival of fire personnel on scene, the fire was swiftly put out. After the fire, the Department together with the EMSD forthwith inspected the fire scene on the extent of damage. It was found that the electricity supply of 4 stalls was interrupted and that an electrostatic precipitator of extraction system was damaged. Emergency repairs were immediately arranged by the EMSD. The repair and relevant works for the electricity supply facilities and the extraction system were completed on 17 July and 2 August respectively. The rental waiver and</p>	<p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p> <p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p> <p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p>

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	<p>reduction for stall operators affected by the post-fire repair works were approved and came into effect in April.</p> <p>4.12 The ArchSD completed the replacement works of the floor tiles of the passageway from the cooked food centre to Clarence Terrace on 16 March. It would then replace the grating and refurbish the channel covers on the said passageway, and the works were expected to be completed by late April.</p> <p>4.13 On 23 April, the EMSD commenced the replacement works of goods lift L2, which were expected to be completed in early August. The replacement works of goods lift L1 would follow closely and commence in mid-August, which were expected to be completed in mid-December. Escalators E1 and E2 were to be replaced in the third quarter of 2019 when they would be replaced one after another to reduce impact on the public.</p> <p>4.14 On 25 January, the EMSD completed the replacement of escalators E5 and E6 connecting G/F and also escalators E9 and E10 connecting 1/F and 2/F at the Rock Hill Street entrance.</p> <p>4.15 Since 2 January, the ArchSD had commenced the refurbishment works of ceilings and stall pillars on G/F and 1/F in stages. The ceiling works on G/F and 1/F were completed in mid-April,</p>	<p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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	<p>while stall pillar remedial works for stall operators in need were rolled out gradually. Meanwhile, the wall repair and redecoration works were carried out in the escalator lobby on G/F facing Rock Hill Street. All works had been completed by mid-May.</p> <p>4.16 A stall operator indicated that recently the maintenance contractor took longer time to deploy staff to attend to lift failure and have it fixed. The Department would refer the case to the EMSD for follow-up actions.</p> <p>4.17 The EMSD planned to commence the replacement works of goods lift L5 in August at the earliest, which was expected to take 4 months. After consultation and confirming the works schedule, the Department would inform stall operators of the arrangements by notices displayed.</p>	<p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>
<p>5. <u>Standard of Fish Tank Water</u></p>	<p>5.1 Among 136 fish tank water samples taken for testing between May 2018 and May 2019, 5 samples were found unsatisfactory. The fish stalls concerned had been thoroughly cleansed and disinfected before follow-up samples were taken for testing. Among them, the testing results of 3 samples were satisfactory while those of the remaining 2 were pending. The Department reminded all live fish stall operators to pay constant attention to the sources of fish tank water, and to</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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	clean and maintain the disinfection facilities of the fish tanks properly.	
6. <u>Promotion of Markets</u>	<p>6.1 The market management contractors conducted promotional activities during Christmas and before the Lunar New Year by distributing calendars, red packets and red couplets to market patrons. The next round of promotions with distribution of gifts is scheduled to be held before the Tuen Ng Festival.</p> <p>6.2 The Department organised a food art exhibition (食物藝術展覽會) from 2 to 4 November 2018 and a funny food fair (千奇百趣食品展) from 17 to 19 January 2019 to promote the market. Both events were well received. In addition, 3-D paintings of market foods have been put on display on the first floor since 29 March 2019 to attract more patrons to the market.</p>	<p><u>All markets</u></p> <p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p>
7. <u>Pest Problem</u>	<p>7.1 A total of 211 mice were trapped alive and 680 poisoned dead between May 2018 and May 2019.</p> <p>7.2 To tackle the rodent problem of the market, the market management contractor would divide the market into several areas for phased clean-up and eradication of possible hiding places for mice, while the Department would send letters to the stall operators seeking their cooperation to remove goods, shelves and miscellaneous articles from their</p>	<p><u>All markets</u></p> <p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p>



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	<p>stalls to facilitate thorough stall cleansing. The Department would provide technical recommendations on rodent prevention and control to the stall operators to help them remove rat holes and put anti-rodent measures into practice. It would also step up publicity and education to enlist the support and participation of the stall operators in anti-rodent operations.</p> <p>7.3 Hon YEUNG Hok-ming said that apart from targeting the rodent problem, the Department must also strengthen preventive and control actions against mosquitoes. The Department had urged the management company to step up pest control, in particular clearing stagnant water during the rainy season to eliminate mosquitoes.</p>	<p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p>
<p>8. <u>Security Problems</u></p>	<p>8.1 In light of the views of the stall operators on the security of the cooked food market, the Department had asked the Building Management Committee to increase the frequency of night patrols by security guards. Notices are also posted at conspicuous locations of the cooked food market to remind the public that a video surveillance system is in place.</p> <p>8.2 The stall operators pointed out that the escape doors of some emergency accesses were not properly closed. The Department had instructed the management company and the security</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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	service contractor to step up patrols and checks on the door locks.	
9. <u>Other Businesses</u>	<p>9.1 The Department started implementing a food waste separation and recycling scheme on 1 July 2018. The staff of the food waste collection contractors would visit the markets daily to collect recyclable food waste voluntarily donated by the stall operators. The Department calls for the active support of the stall operators in protecting the environment.</p> <p>9.2 The Department issued a notice to the cooked food stall tenants in November 2018 reminding them of the guidelines on fire safety and safe use of electricity/electrical appliances. Fire talks were also conducted in the cooked food markets to raise fire prevention awareness among the cooked food stall operators and practitioners.</p> <p>9.3 The authorities approved the rental waiver and reduction applications from the stall operators affected by the earlier repair and maintenance works. The reductions were reflected on the rental receipts.</p> <p>9.4 The Green Council conducted a three-month pilot run of the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Trial Scheme from November 2018 to January 2019 after giving publicity to the scheme and introducing it in the market in October</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Queen Street Cooked Food Market</u> <u>Centre Street Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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	<p>2018. The scheme won the support and participation of over 60% of the stall operators. During the three-month trial period, there was a decrease in the average quantity of waste disposed and a significant increase in the amount of recyclables. A questionnaire survey was carried out by the Green Council after the trial to collect feedbacks from the stall operators for reflection to the Environmental Protection Department. A set of best practice guidelines was also developed based on the experience gained from the trial to encourage stall operators to continue waste reduction and recycling.</p>	

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