

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

During 2017-18, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will put forth legislative proposals in respect of the regulation of the safety and quality standards of edible fats and oils and develop guidelines on good practice on “cooking oils in use” for the trade as appropriate. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- a. whether there has been adequate consultation and negotiation with the stakeholders; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s); and
- b. the timetable for implementing these proposals.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The Government launched a three-month public consultation exercise on the legislative proposals for regulating edible fats and oils in July 2015. As part of the public consultation exercise, we briefed relevant stakeholders, including the food industry, of the regulatory objectives and legislative proposals through public consultation sessions, the Trade Consultation Forum of the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) and meetings. We reported the views received during the public consultation exercise and the Government's observations to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in December 2015. We are in the course of formulating specific regulatory proposals, and do not have a definite timetable on when the proposed regulatory proposals will be ready at this stage.

Separately, CFS will commission a consultancy study on “cooking oils in use” in 2017, with a view to developing guidelines on good practices on “cooking oils in use” for the trade. CFS will engage the trade in the process.