

LC Paper No. CB(1) 1305/09-10

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Bills Committee on Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) Bill

Minutes of eleventh meeting held on Thursday, 21 January 2010, at 10:45 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members present	:	Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman) Dr Hon Margaret NG Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH Hon CHAN Hak-kan Hon Tanya CHAN
Members absent	:	Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Public officers	:	For item II
attending		Environmental Protection Department
		Mr Albert LAM Deputy Director of Environmental Protection (2)
		Mr Vincent TANG Assistant Director (Nature Conservation & Infrastructure Planning)
		Miss Vivien LI Senior Administrative Officer (Nature Conservation)
		Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
		Mr C C LAY Assistant Director (Conservation)

		Mr Simon CHAN Senior Conservation Officer (Biodiversity) (Atg)
		Department of Justice
		Ms Mabel CHEUNG Senior Government Counsel
		Miss Elaine NG Government Counsel
Clerk in attendance	:	Miss Becky YU Chief Council Secretary (1)1
Staff in attendance	:	Miss Kitty CHENG Assistant Legal Adviser 5
		Mrs Mary TANG Senior Council Secretary (1)2

I. Confirmation of minutes

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 933/09-10 — Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2010)

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2010 were confirmed.

II. Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 935/09-10(01)	— List of follow-up actions arising
	from the discussion at the meeting
	on 14 January 2010
LC Paper No. CB(1) 935/09-10(02)	— Administration's response to
	CB(1) 935/09-10(01))

Relevant papers	
(LC Paper No. CB(3) 624/08-09	— The Bill
Ref: EP 86/21/25 (09) Pt.8	 The Legislative Council Brief
LC Paper No. LS 77/08-09	— Legal Service Division Report)

2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached in **Annex**).

3. <u>Members</u> examined the revised draft Committee Stage amendments proposed by the Administration as set out in Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(1) 935/09-10(02). As the Bills Committee had completed scrutiny of the Bill, the <u>Chairman</u> advised that a report on the deliberations of the Bills Committee would be submitted for consideration by the House Committee at its meeting on 5 February 2010. The possible date on which the Second Reading debate on the Bill would be resumed was 3 March 2010. <u>Members</u> also agreed to cancel the next meeting scheduled for 28 January 2010.

III. Any other business

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:15 am.

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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required		
Agenda Item I - Confirmation of minutes					
000255 - 000337	Chairman	The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2010 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 933/09-10) were confirmed.			
Agenda Item II - M	leeting with the Ad	ministration			
000338 - 000929	Chairman Administration ALA5	Administration's explanation on its response to the list of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 6 January 2010 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 935/09-10 (02)).			
000930 - 001459	Chairman Administration	Examination of the revised draft Committee Stage amendments proposed by the Administration as set out in Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(1) 935/09-10(02).			
001500 - 002249	Chairman Administration	 Discussion on new clause 38A. Chairman's enquiry on whether claims for compensation under clause 38A could only be made to the Small Claims Tribunal and District Court and not the High Court. Administration's explanation - (a) clause 38A was modelled after existing legislation with compensation provisions on loss arising from seizure under the relevant legislation; and (b) claims under clause 38A might be made in the Small Claims Tribunal and, irrespective of the amount claimed, in the District Court,. 			
002250 - 003022	Chairman Administration	Discussion on the sample of completed specified forms, using papaya as an example, as set out in Annex C to LC Paper No. CB(1) 935/09-10 (02). Administration's confirmation that consideration would be given to requiring the provision of photos in the specified forms as proposed by members.			
003023 - 003220	Chairman Administration	Legislative time table for the Bill.			