



Dear E-news recipients,

News on the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) online:

(1) Test results of seasonal food surveillance project on hairy crabs all satisfactory

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on November 13 announced the test results of the seasonal food surveillance project on hairy crabs. From January 2024 to the end of October 2024, the CFS collected 101 hairy crab samples at the import and retail levels for chemical tests, and the test results were all satisfactory.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/press/20241113_11257.html

(2) FEHD and Hong Kong Customs continue to combat illegal sale of hairy crabs and sale of hairy crabs from dubious sources

To safeguard food safety, the FEHD and Hong Kong Customs launched joint blitz operations from October 29 to inspect selling points of hairy crabs in various districts and combat the illegal sale of hairy crabs, with a view to ensuring that hairy crabs on sale in the market comply with relevant requirements under the laws.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/press/20241114_11261.html

(3) Advice to Travellers

In accordance with the Imported Game, Meat, Poultry and Eggs Regulations (Chapter 132AK, Laws of Hong Kong), it is an offence to bring any game, meat, poultry or eggs into Hong Kong without health certificate issued by an issuing entity of the place of origin and / or without prior written permission granted by the FEHD. An offender shall be liable on conviction to a fine of HK\$50,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months. Travellers should note that under normal circumstances, issuing entities of different places only issue health certificates to food traders for business purposes.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/import/import_ifc.html

(4) Preservatives in Food (Amendment) Regulation 2024

The Preservatives in Food (Amendment) Regulation 2024 (the “Amendment Regulation”) has been published in the Gazette on 10 October 2024 and tabled at the Legislative Council on 16 October 2024 for negative vetting. It was set out in the Policy Measures of the Chief

Executive's 2022 Policy Address that the Government would review and update by phases the food safety legislation relating to additives in food to further enhance food safety. The first phase covers preservatives and antioxidants in food. It was further set out in the Policy Measures of the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address that the Government would complete the related legislative exercise within 2024.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew_fstr/whatsnew_fstr_Proposed_Amendments_Preservatives_Food_Regulation.html

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