



Registration of Food Importers and Food Distributors under Food Safety Ordinance

Background

- The Food Safety Ordinance (Chapter 612)-
 - ➔ has come into operation on 1.8.2011; and
 - ➔ provides, inter alia, a registration scheme for food importers and food distributors.



Background

- To allow sufficient time for traders to adapt to the new requirements, the penalty provisions for failing to register and keep transaction records will commence after a grace period of **6 months ending on 31.1.2012.**



Registration of Food Importers and Food Distributors

- Any person who carries on a food importation or distribution business is required to register with DFEH.
- “Food importer” means a person who carries on a business that brings or causes to be brought into Hong Kong food by air, land or water.
- “Food distributor” means a person who carries on a business the principal activity of which is the supply of food in Hong Kong by wholesale.



Registration of Food Importers and Food Distributors

- The registration procedure is convenient and simple, requiring only the essential information of:
 - ➔ the traders' particulars and contact details; and
 - ➔ the food type being imported or distributed.



Registration of Food Importers and Food Distributors

- The completed application form (FEHB245) can be submitted either:
 - **in person**;
 - **by mail**; or
 - **by fax**.
- Application may also be made **online** (<https://www.fics.gov.hk>).



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- Application should be accompanied with a copy of Business Registration Certificate and/or Hong Kong Identify Card for verification purpose.



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- The registration cycle for food importers and food distributors will be for a period of **3 years**, subject to renewal. The fee level for registration and renewal of registration for a 3-year term is **\$195** and **\$180** respectively.



Invitation Letters

- Invitation letters with pre-filled application forms were issued to food traders who have already registered under the Pre-statutory Registration Scheme to facilitate their registration.



Publicity

- Briefing sessions on Food Safety Ordinance.
- Outreach to vegetable farmers and fruit traders, etc.
- Posters, pamphlets, TV and radio announcements, etc.
- TV programmes.
- Advertisements.
- Roving exhibitions.



Guide

- The “Guide to the Registration Scheme for Food Importers and Food Distributors” has been uploaded to the website for reference (www.foodsafetyord.gov.hk).



Enquiry

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