

**Import ban on raw oysters harvested from Canada's Vancouver Island or produced by Canadian manufacturer Pacific Rim Shellfish (2003) Corp. lifted**

Following up on a number of food poisoning outbreaks which involved consumption of raw oysters earlier, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) found that the raw oysters supplied by the restaurants concerned were harvested in Vancouver Island, Canada and produced by a Canadian manufacturer, Pacific Rim Shellfish (2003) Corp. For the sake of prudence, CFS has imposed an import ban on all raw oysters harvested from Vancouver Island, Canada or produced by the manufacturer concerned since April 28 this year to safeguard food safety and public health.

In view of the submission of an investigation report and the implementation of surveillance programmes by the Canadian authorities, CFS has conducted an assessment and decided to lift the import ban imposed on raw oysters harvested from Vancouver Island, Canada or produced by the manufacturer concerned with immediate effect. Import of those raw oysters from the harvest areas officially approved by the Canadian Authorities is allowed.

CFS will continue to monitor closely raw oysters imported from the area. Appropriate actions will be taken to safeguard food safety and public health.

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