

Trade Consultation Forum for Legislative Proposals on Regulation of Edible Fats and Oils and Recycling of “Waste Cooking Oils”

Import and Export of Edible Fats and Oils

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Situation in Hong Kong

- There is no specific legislation to regulate the import and export of edible fats and oils.
- The legislation regulating food safety in general is also applicable to edible fats and oils for human consumption.
- Edible fats and oils for export are only required to meet the statutory requirements of the authorities of the export destinations.

Legislative Proposals

- Importers of edible fats and oils are required to provide an **official certificate** or a **certificate issued by an officially recognised independent testing institution** certifying that:
 - “Waste cooking oils” or “substandard fats and oils” not intended for human consumption should not be used as ingredients for the production of edible fats and oils; and
 - Edible fats and oils should meet the proposed statutory standards and be fit for human consumption.

Legislative Proposals

- The requirement of provision of certificate is also applicable to edible fats and oils manufactured in Hong Kong for export.
- Importers of edible fats and oils are required to provide copies of certificates or other supporting documents to their downstream distributors, retailers or food premises.