
Disposal of Recalled Foods

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Food Recall Guidelines

- ◆ In most cases, recalls of foods are carried out voluntarily by the food traders. The Centre for Food Safety of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department website provides a guidance for carrying out voluntary food recalls.

www.cfs.gov.hk/english/import/import_icfsg_08.html

- ◆ It explains what actions should be done when food products have to be removed from supply to or use by consumers for public health and safety reasons.



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The Government's main role in a voluntary recall is to monitor the progress of the recall and assess the adequacy of actions taken by the food trader concerned.



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Disposal of recalled product is the final step of a food recall exercise. Conduct in a proper manner is essential in avoiding the product from entering the market again.



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A part on “Disposal of recalled product” will be added to the Food Recall Guidelines.

All products recalled and those kept by the trader and not distributed must be destroyed or handled appropriately under the supervision of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

Reason for introduction

Both recalled products and those kept by the trader and not distributed are being affected and so should be treated in the same manner.



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Subsequent changes
(revisions and addition)
have to be made at

Post-recall Reporting



Post-recall reporting

The trader concerned should provide a **daily** progress report at the request of the Department.



Post-recall reporting

Post-recall reporting includes a final report submitted by trader after completion of food recall exercise. Currently, the report contains relevant information of the exercise.

1. the circumstances leading to the recall;
2. the action taken by the trader including details of any publicity;
3. the extent of distribution of the relevant batch in Hong Kong and overseas;
4. the result of the recall (quantity of stock returned, outstanding, etc.);
5. the method of disposal or otherwise record of destruction for returned food; and
6. the investigation report on cause of defects and the action proposed to be implemented in future to prevent a recurrence of the problem.



Post-recall reporting

Item 4:

From -

the result of the recall (quantity of **stock** returned, outstanding, etc.)

To -

the result of the recall (quantity of **product** returned, outstanding, etc.)

Purpose

More accurate description



Post-recall reporting

Item 5:

From -

the method of disposal or otherwise record of destruction for returned food already disposed by the trader

To -

the method of disposal

Purpose

Any disposal work must be under the supervision of the Centre for Food Safety



Post-recall reporting

Additional information required:

the quantity of product not distributed to distributors and retailers and being kept in warehouse

Purpose

Disposal of food subject to recall should include those kept by the trader and not distributed to distributor and retailers



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Proposed to take effect in
1st Quarter of 2019



Thank you

