

# **Claim for Compensation for Food Samples Taken**

To ensure the safety of imported food, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) collects food samples for testing based on a risk-based approach, in accordance with the Food Surveillance Programme. Importers may claim compensation for the market value of the food samples collected by the CFS. Details are as follows:

1. Applicants can apply in person at the relevant food inspection office or by post.
2. Payment is to be made only to the company named in the sampling notice.
3. The applicant is required to submit the original invoice and the original sampling notice.
4. For first-time applicants, a copy of a valid Business Registration Certificate must also be submitted.
5. The company name stated on the invoice must be identical to that in the sampling notice.
6. The invoice must contain the following information: invoice number, issue date, company contact telephone number and mailing address.
7. The invoice must not indicate “C.O.D.” (Cash On Delivery).