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News on the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) online:

(1) Food Safety Focus (225th Issue, April 2025)

The latest issue of Food Safety Focus has been published. The hot topics include:

- Simple Dietary Practice to Getting Sufficient Iodine from a Balanced Diet
- Safe Preparation of Pre-Cut Fruits and Fruit Juices
- Avoid Picking Wild Mushroom for Consumption
- Safe Food Preparation in Shared-use Kitchens

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https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/multimedia/multimedia pub/multimedia pub fsf.html

(2) <u>Public Consultation on Proposal on Regulation of Konjac-containing Jelly</u> Confectionery

According to the Codex Alimentarius Commission, konjac is considered a safe food additive. However, improper consumption of mini-cup konjac jellies can increase the choking risk, particularly for children and the elderly people, due to their unique product design and firm texture.

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https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew fstr/whatsnew fstr regulation of konjac-containing jelly confectionery.html

(3) Greater Bay Area Food Standards

The development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) standards can promote the interconnectivity and integrated development of the three places, deepening Hong Kong's economic and trade exchanges and co-operation with the Mainland and Macao. These GBA standards are drawn up after the Guangdong authorities' liaison with various relevant groups and enterprises from the trade, related government departments and organisations, universities and experts in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and are formulated after public consultations. Currently, a total of 235 GBA Standards have been formulated and promulgated, covering the fields of food quality and safety, Cantonese cuisine, prepared dishes, transportation, mechanical and electrical products, as well as medical care, nursing care, education and e-sports, etc.

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https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/import/greater bay area food standards.html

(4) Monthly Report on Results of Compliance Test

The Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (the Regulations) require all applicable prepackaged foods to list out the ingredients, the content of energy plus seven core nutrients, namely, carbohydrates, protein, total fat, saturated fat, trans fat, sodium and sugars (commonly known as "1 + 7"), and regulate any associated nutrition claims. The ingredients to be listed include, among others, any of the substances specified in section 2(4E) of Schedule 3 to the Regulations which are known to cause allergy in some individuals, if present.

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https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew act/NL Compliance Test Results MAR 2025.html

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