



Dear E-news recipients,

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

(1) Safety Tips for Consuming Fresh Water Hairy Crabs

The best season for savouring freshwater hairy crabs is coming, bringing great enjoyment to gourmets. In many groceries, supermarkets and restaurants, this seasonal food is showcased prominently to entice customers. Some members of the public find this delicacy irresistible. However, they should not overindulge themselves with this cholesterol-rich cuisine. Hairy crabs may harbour parasites and pathogens. They should be cooked thoroughly before consumption.

To ensure food safety, the public are advised to buy hairy crabs from reliable shops with Shell Fish (Hairy Crab) Permit. The permit requires the hairy crabs for sale must be accompanied by health certificates issued by issuing entities of countries of origin and certificate(s) issued by the Agriculture Fisheries and Conservation Department.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew_sfst/whatsnew_sfst_Hairy_crab_2009.html

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew_sfst/whatsnew_sfst_big_crab.html

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/multimedia/multimedia_pub/multimedia_pub_fsf_135_01.html

- List of permitted premises for the sale of restricted foods (Click “Shell Fish (Hairy Crab) Permit”)

<https://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/licence-type-permit.html>

- List of permitted premises for online sale of restricted foods (click “Shell Fish (Hairy Crab))

<https://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/licence-online-permit.html>

(2) Don't Eat or Serve Chinese Yu Sang (Raw Fish)

Consuming Chinese Yu Sang (raw freshwater fish) can be hazardous to health. Apart from bacteria, it is well known that raw freshwater fish including grass carp, bighead carp or snakehead may carry parasites such as Chinese liver fluke which can cause obstruction, inflammation and cancer of the biliary ducts in the liver. In order to protect public health, Chinese Yu Sang is a prohibited food under the Food Business Regulation (Cap 132X) in Hong Kong. Consumers are advised not to eat raw or undercooked freshwater fish while dining locally or travelling and eat freshwater fish only if it is adequately cooked, especially when having hot pot or congee.

You are most welcome to watch CFS Food Safety Channel for related issue at:
https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/multimedia/multimedia_pub/multimedia_pub_fsf_114_04.html

(3) The CFS Foodsafe Movie Channel

To raise the public's awareness of food safety, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) has recently launched a brand-new online video campaign called 'Foodsafe Movie Channel'. The Centre's mascots, On and Mui, go through important food safety messages with the public with a hint of Hong Kong movie-styled humour.

The latest episode of 'Foodsafe Movie Channel' has premiered on the CFS' YouTube channel, and is co-streamed on the CFS' Facebook and Instagram pages.

Please click into the webpage for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/cfs.hk>

<https://www.instagram.com/cfs.hk/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMpLk04Hbn2ATOWzCU_jWEQ

(4) CFS announces results of seasonal food surveillance on mooncake (first and second phase)

The CFS announced the results of a seasonal food surveillance project on mooncakes. The results of 138 and 162 samples tested in the first and second phase respectively were all satisfactory.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/press/20210902_8860.html

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/press/20210913_8872.html

(5) List of Small Volume Exemption Products

Under the Small Volume Exemption (SVE) Scheme, prepackaged foods of the same version with annual sales volume in Hong Kong not exceeding 30,000 units may be granted with exemption from providing nutrition labelling. List of SVE products has been uploaded onto the CFS website.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/programme/programme_nifl/files/SVE_exempted_product_e.pdf