



Dear E-news recipients,

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

(1) Salad - Food Safety Guidelines for Food Businesses

The CFS has recently published a set of guidelines which is intended for food business operators (FBOs) who prepare and sell salads at premises. It aims to help the food trade to implement food safety measures in their operations in order to produce and supply safe and wholesome salads.

Please click into the webpage for browsing the above guidelines:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/multimedia/multimedia_pub/files/salads.pdf

(2) Food Safety Report for February 2024

The CFS of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has released on March 28 the findings of its food safety report for February. The results of about 3 500 food samples tested were found to be satisfactory except for seven unsatisfactory samples which were announced earlier. The overall satisfactory rate was 99.8 per cent.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/press/20240328_10909.html

(3) Food Safety Fact Checkers - Daylily and Colchicine

Many plants can be used as ingredients for cooking, but not every plant's flower is suitable for consumption. Even edible flowers are not necessarily something that can be eaten immediately after being picked. To consume daylilies safely, it is advised to choose dried daylilies or daylilies that have been processed, as colchicine can be destroyed during cooking or processing.

Please click into the webpage for details:

https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew_fst/whatsnew_fst_daylily_and_colchicine

(4) Summer Times and Food Safety

From food safety control perspective, iced drinks have potential risk. If the iced drinks are contaminated by bacteria or virus during the preparation, and further kept in improper conditions,

the bacteria or virus contained can multiply and cause food poisoning in those who take the drinks. In addition, members of the public and trade are reminded to apply the "Five Keys to Food Safety" to prevent food poisoning.

Please click into the webpage for details:

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

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