

The Proposed Food Safety Bill

Abstract

A new Food Safety Bill is planned to be introduced to equip the Government with additional food safety control tools to enhance the protection of public health and consumer interests. These include :

- Mandatory registration for food importers and distributors;
- Requirement for food business to keep record on source and distribution of food to enhance food traceability; and
- Imposing import control on high risk food.

To ensure that the Bill will balance the interests of the public and the food trade, consultations with the public and the trade, and a business impact assessment are being conducted to gauge their views and concerns. The specific needs and practices of the food trade will be taken into account when we formulate the bill. It is scheduled to introduce the bill into the Legislative Council in 2009-10.