

Standard Setting Work in the Pipeline

In order to enhance food safety for the protection of public health and facilitation of international food trade, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) conducts regular review on legal provisions of food standards and requirements for food labelling. Efforts are also made to keep abreast of international development and advancement of food science and technology, and to harmonise the local food legislation with the international standards set by Codex.

At present, CFS is conducting two review works on food standards: “*Proposed Regulatory Framework for Pesticide Residues in Food in Hong Kong*” and “*Proposed Regulatory Framework for Veterinary Drug Residues*”. Recently, CFS has commenced to review the standards on natural toxins (concentrated on shellfish toxins and mycotoxins) in food. Standards for sweeteners and heavy metals will also be the priority for review in the near future. To better safeguard public health and facilitate international food trade, CFS will continue its endeavour in reviewing the local food standards regularly so as to tie in the latest scientific and international development.