

Director of vegetable chain stalls in Yuen Long convicted for causing noise annoyance (with photos)

Two vegetable stalls operated by Bonnie Vegetables and Fruit Wholesale Limited at Yuen Long New Street and Hop Choi Street were fined a total of \$17,000 by Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (June 5) for contravening the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO) by causing persistent noise annoyance with loudspeakers playing promotional recordings placed at their front doors. The director, who operates the vegetable chain stalls, was also convicted and held criminally liable for her stores' repeated offences. She was fined \$3,000.

An Environmental Protection Department (EPD) spokesman said that since last year, the department received many complaints from members of the public about vegetable stalls in the vicinity of Yuen Long New Street and Hop Choi Street persistently playing promotional recordings by using loudspeakers, which adversely affected nearby residents. The EPD conducted numerous joint enforcement operations with the Police and raided the above vegetable stalls in last December and January this year. It was found that their loudspeakers were generating excessive noise and caused annoyance and the EPD subsequently prosecuted the stalls concerned under the NCO. The above vegetable stalls were operated by the same director. One of her stalls has already been convicted twice under the NCO since September last year, and the EPD thus prosecuted the registered director of the vegetable chain stalls.

After a series of enforcement actions, the situation of the aforementioned vegetable stalls improved. The EPD will continue to closely monitor and conduct stringent enforcement actions to combat repeated contraventions by stalls, and prosecute the operator of the stalls concerned.

The spokesman reminded persons responsible for retail shops and market stalls that when they play promotional recordings to sell goods, they should contain the noise level within their shop area and should not cause annoyance to other people outside their shops or nearby residents. Otherwise, it constitutes an offence, and offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000. For stores with repeated contraventions, the operator himself will also be criminally liable for the offence once convicted.



[Red flag hoisted at Tong Fuk Beach](#)

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 5) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Tong Fuk Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

[Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills tender results](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

Hong Kong Monetary Authority Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

Tender date	: June 5, 2018
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q1823
Issue date	: June 6, 2018
Maturity date	: September 5, 2018
Amount applied	: HK\$106,790 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$48,632 MN
Average yield accepted	: 1.14 PCT

Highest yield accepted : 1.18 PCT
Pro rata ratio : About 16 PCT
Average tender yield : 1.20 PCT

Tender date : June 5, 2018
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : H1852
Issue date : June 6, 2018
Maturity date : December 5, 2018
Amount applied : HK\$44,875 MN
Amount allotted : HK\$15,000 MN
Average yield accepted : 1.44 PCT
Highest yield accepted : 1.48 PCT
Pro rata ratio : About 5 PCT
Average tender yield : 1.53 PCT

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning June 11, 2018:

Tender date : June 12, 2018
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Q1824
Issue date : June 13, 2018
Maturity date : September 12, 2018
Tenor : 91 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$44,805 MN

Tender date : June 12, 2018
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : H1853
Issue date : June 13, 2018
Maturity date : December 12, 2018
Tenor : 182 Days
Amount on offer : HK\$9,000 MN

Tender date : June 12, 2018
Paper on offer : EF Bills
Issue number : Y1890
Issue date : June 13, 2018

Maturity date : June 12, 2019
 Tenor : 364 Days
 Amount on offer : HK\$3,000 MN

Tender date : June 15, 2018
 Paper on offer : EF Bills
 Issue number : M1802
 Issue date : June 19, 2018
 Maturity date : July 18, 2018
 Tenor : 29 Days
 Amount on offer : HK\$1,000 MN

[New names adopted for tropical cyclones in 2018](#)

In 2018, four new names have been introduced to the list of tropical cyclone names in the western North Pacific and the South China Sea. They are Nyatoh, Trases, Mulan and Hinnamnor, replacing the old names Meranti, Sarika, Haima and Nock-ten respectively. The meanings of these four new names and the contributing countries/regions are set out in the following table:

Name	Meaning	Contributing country/region
Nyatoh	A kind of tree that grows in tropical rainforests in Southeast Asia	Malaysia
Trases	Woodpecker	Cambodia
Mulan	Magnolia, a kind of flower native to China	China
Hinnamnor	A National Protected Area in Lao PDR	Lao PDR

The new names were endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific/World Meteorological Organization Typhoon Committee at its 50th session held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

According to convention, the Typhoon Committee would consider retiring the name of a tropical cyclone which has caused serious human casualties and economic losses. In September 2016, at least two persons were killed and 63

were injured in Taiwan during the passage of Super Typhoon Meranti. Meranti also wreaked havoc in Fujian and Jiangxi, resulting in at least 29 deaths, 15 missing and about 2.5 million people affected with the collapse of around 18 000 houses. Super Typhoons Sarika and Haima hit the Philippines in quick succession within a week in October 2016, resulting in 11 deaths and three missing in total. In December 2016, at least six people were killed and eight were missing in the Philippines during the passage of Super Typhoon Nock-ten. Over 380 000 people were evacuated from their homes.

The updated list of tropical cyclone names and their corresponding meanings is available at the Hong Kong Observatory website at www.weather.gov.hk/informtc/sound/tcname2018e.htm.

Red flag hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 5) that due to big waves, the red flag has been hoisted at Hung Shing Yeh Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.