

Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

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Tender date	: February 8, 2022
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q2206
Issue date	: February 9, 2022
Maturity date	: May 11, 2022
Amount applied	: HK\$171,700 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$50,840 MN
Average yield accepted	: 0.12 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 0.13 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 37 PCT
Average tender yield	: 0.14 PCT

Tender date	: February 8, 2022
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H2235
Issue date	: February 9, 2022
Maturity date	: August 10, 2022
Amount applied	: HK\$45,060 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$10,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 0.26 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 0.27 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 35 PCT
Average tender yield	: 0.30 PCT

*"Pro rata ratio" refers to the average percentage of allotment with respect to each tender participant's tendered amount at the "highest yield accepted" level.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning February 14, 2022:

Tender date	: February 15, 2022
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q2207
Issue date	: February 16, 2022
Maturity date	: May 18, 2022

Tenor	: 91 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$62,195 MN

Tender date	: February 15, 2022
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H2236
Issue date	: February 16, 2022
Maturity date	: August 17, 2022
Tenor	: 182 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$14,000 MN

Tender date	: February 15, 2022
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Y2286
Issue date	: February 16, 2022
Maturity date	: February 15, 2023
Tenor	: 364 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$1,300 MN

[Import of poultry meat and products from Lisboa in Portugal suspended](#)

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (February 8) that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Lisboa in Portugal, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the area with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, no poultry meat or eggs were imported into Hong Kong from Portugal last year.

"The CFS has contacted the Portuguese authority over the issue and will closely monitor information issued by the OIE and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreaks. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.

Government finishes exercise on “restriction-testing declaration” in respect of specified “restricted area” in Mei Chi House, Mei Tin Estate, Sha Tin, and enforcement operation for breaches of compulsory testing notice

The Government exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" on February 6 with effect from 8.30pm, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Sha Tin (i.e. Mei Chi House, Mei Tin Estate, Sha Tin, excluding Mei Tin Estate Management Office on G/F) were required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. The Government yesterday (February 7) extended the period of operation to today (February 8). Persons subject to compulsory testing were required to stay in their premises and they had to undergo two tests under the designated arrangement until all such persons identified in the "restricted area" had undergone testing and the test results were mostly ascertained.

In addition, those who have visited Mei Chi House in the past two weeks for more than two hours should undergo testing on or before February 8, 2022, in accordance with the compulsory testing notices issued earlier. The Government finished the compulsory testing exercise at around 9am today and carried out enforcement action in the "restricted area" afterwards to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone compulsory testing in accordance with the requirements of the relevant declaration and compulsory testing notice. The Government announced that the enforcement operation ended at around 11am today.

In this exercise, the Housing Department, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Environmental Protection Department and the Auxiliary Medical Service mobilised around 330 staff to arrange for implementation of the declaration and enforcement actions for breaches of the compulsory testing notice issued earlier.

The Government delivered meal boxes to persons subject to compulsory testing and provided simple food for them, including canned food, instant noodles and corn kernels, so as to facilitate the meal arrangements of persons subject to compulsory testing.

The Housing Department set up a hotline for people restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance.

The Government thanks persons subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding. With everyone's co-operation and efforts, coupled with the tireless efforts of the testing contractors, residents have been informed about their testing results by SMS notification. After finishing the compulsory testing exercise at around 9am today, the Government took enforcement action in the "restricted area" immediately to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone testing according to the requirements of the declaration and the compulsory testing notice. Persons who could present an SMS notification containing a negative test result as proof of having undergone the compulsory testing could leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer. The enforcement operation was completed at around 11am. Test records of 528 persons subject to compulsory testing were checked. No person was found to have not undergone compulsory testing. Taking into account the above situation, the Secretary for Food and Health revoked the "restriction-testing declaration" in accordance with Cap. 599J (see attachment).

The Government reminded the households who have not answered the door to contact the Government for arrangement of testing as soon as possible after reading the notices put up by the Government, in the hope of eliminating the possible risk of further spread of the virus in the community.

The Government thanks all participating government staff and the testing agencies for their hard work. The Government is also grateful to those subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding, and their full co-operation during this period in undergoing testing and waiting for the results at home.

The Government will seriously follow up on the compliance situation of the compulsory testing notices and the "restriction-testing declaration" by persons subject to compulsory testing. Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notices commits an offence and may be liable to a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order or the "restriction-testing declaration" is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

[Licence of employment agency revoked](#)

A spokesman for the Labour Department (LD) today (February 8) reminded operators of employment agencies (EAs) to conduct their business in compliance with the law and the requirements of the Code of Practice for EAs (CoP) at all times.

The LD has revoked the EA licence of KK Employment Agency located in Sham Shui Po, the licensee of which was earlier convicted of operating another EA without a licence. The licensee concerned had appealed to the Administrative Appeals Board but the appeal was dismissed.

Under section 53(1)(c)(iv) of the Employment Ordinance (EO), the Commissioner for Labour may revoke the licence of an EA if he is satisfied that the licensee has contravened any provision of Part XII or any regulation made under section 62 of the EO.

"The Employment (Amendment) Ordinance 2018, which came into effect on February 9, 2018, stipulates that the Commissioner may refuse to issue or renew a licence, or may revoke a licence, if he is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the licensee or the person intending to be the licensee of an EA, or a related person of or an individual employed by the licensee or the person intending to be the licensee, has contravened any provision of Part XII or any regulation made under section 62 of the EO, such as overcharging job seekers or operating an EA without a licence, or has not complied with the CoP issued under section 62A(1) of the EO," a spokesman for the LD said.

The LD has revoked the licenses of a total of four EAs since 2021, including the above case.

For enquires about matters related to EAs or complaints about alleged malpractices, please call the Employment Agencies Administration of the LD at 2115 3667, or visit its office at Unit 906, 9/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre, 1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon.

Suspension of evening dental services of Government Dental Clinics

In response to the latest development of the COVID-19 situation, the Department of Health (DH) announced today (February 8) that the evening dental services of Wan Chai Dental Clinic, Yau Ma Tei Dental Clinic, Sheung Kwai Chung Government Dental Clinic and Pamela Youde Government Dental Clinic in Sha Tin will be suspended from February 9 until further notice. The DH will inform affected users with prior appointments of the above services and make separate arrangements for them.

For enquiries, please contact the relevant clinics, contact details of which can be found at the following website: www.dh.gov.hk/english/clinictimetable/dc.htm.