

Import of poultry meat and products from Grodzisk Wielkopolski District of Wielkopolskie Region in Poland suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (February 17) that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Grodzisk Wielkopolski District of Wielkopolskie Region in Poland, 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, Hong Kong imported about 6 600 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Poland last year.

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

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders of Exchange Fund Bills to be held on February 21

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

Tender to be held on February 21, 2025:

Tender date	: 21 February 2025
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: M2501
Issue date	: 24 February 2025
Maturity date	: 19 March 2025
Tenor	: 23 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$600 MN

[Three more arrested in connection with murder and wounding case in Yuen Long](#)

In connection with a murder and wounding case happened in Yuen Long on January 22, Police further arrested one 18-year-old man and 25-year-old man for murder, wounding and trafficking in dangerous drug; and one 26-year-old man for trafficking in dangerous drug and assisting offenders in Castle Peak on February 15.

In the murder and wounding case, a 24-year-old man died and a 28-year-old man was injured.

The 18-year-old man and 25-year-old man were laid holding charges with one count of murder, one count of wounding and one count of trafficking in dangerous drug respectively; while the 26-year-old man was laid holding charges with one count of trafficking in dangerous drug and one count of assisting offenders. The case will be mentioned at Fanling Magistrate's Courts in tomorrow morning (February 18).

Police arrested another eight men and two women, aged between 19 to 31, in suspected connection with the case earlier, for offenses such as murder, wounding and assisting offenders.

For the four men who had been charged earlier, the case was mentioned at Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts and Fanling Magistrates' Courts on January 25 and 27 respectively. The other four men and two women were released on bail and are required to report back to Police in late February and early March.

Active investigation by the Regional Crime Unit of New Territories North is under way. Anyone who witnessed the case or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 3356.

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