

# CFS urges public not to consume a batch of French raw milk cheese suspected to be contaminated with Shiga toxin-producing E. coli

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (February 5) urged the public not to consume a batch of raw milk cheese imported from France due to possible contamination with Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC). The trade should stop using or selling the affected product immediately if they possess it.

Product details are as follows:

Product name: MORBIER LAIT CRU DE SCEY AOP 7KG MEULE  
Brand: PERRIN VERMOT  
Place of origin: France  
Pack size: 6.56 kilograms  
Best-before date: February 23, 2025  
Batch number: 34008  
Importer: Culina HK Limited

"The CFS received a notification from the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed of the European Commission that the above-mentioned product is being recalled in France due to possible contamination with STEC. Upon learning of the incident, the CFS immediately contacted local importers for follow-up. A preliminary investigation found that the above-mentioned importer had imported into Hong Kong the affected batch of the product concerned," a spokesman for the CFS said.

The importer concerned has stopped sale and removed the affected batch of the product from shelves and initiated a recall according to the CFS's instructions. Enquiries about the recall can be made to the importer's hotline at 2342 3221 during office hours.

"People will contract STEC-causing gastro-intestinal disease through consumption of contaminated water or undercooked and contaminated foods. Intestinal bleeding and serious complications such as hemolytic uraemic syndrome may also develop in some people," the spokesman said.

The CFS will alert the trade to the incident, and will continue to follow up and take appropriate action. The investigation is ongoing.