

CFS urges public not to consume imported bottled black vinegar product that might contain red fermented rice with suspected problems

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (March 28) urged the public not to consume a kind of bottled black vinegar product imported from Japan, as the product might contain red fermented rice with suspected problems. The CFS is following up on the case.

Product details are as follows:

Product name: (Not available in English)

Brand: (Not available in English)

Place of origin: Japan

Volume: 500 ml

Importer: Golden Fellow Hong Kong Limited

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The CFS, upon learning that food and beverages which were made with suspected problematic red fermented rice are recently being recalled in Japan, immediately contacted importers and retailers for follow-up. A preliminary investigation found that a retail outlet in Causeway Bay had sold the affected bottled black vinegar product. The above-mentioned importer has stopped sales and removed from shelves the affected product, and has initiated a recall according to the CFS's instructions. Members of the public may call its hotline at 5132 8989 during office hours for enquiries about the recall."

â€‹The CFS has alerted the trade and will continue to follow up on the case and take appropriate action. The CFS has also enhanced relevant surveillance and will closely monitor the latest developments in the Japanese authority's recalls of relevant food products. The investigation is ongoing. Members of the public should consult medical professionals if they intend to consume food products containing red fermented rice for improving health conditions.