## <u>CFS urges public not to consume one</u> <u>kind of butter product from Australia</u> <u>with potential microbial contamination</u>

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (January 25) urged the public not to consume one kind of butter product imported from Australia due to potential microbial contamination. The trade should stop using or selling the affected batch of the product immediately if they possess it.

Details of the product are as follows:

Product name: MG Brand Butter, Unsalted 25KG Brand: MG Place of origin: Australia Net weight: 25 kilograms Date of manufacture: April 21, 2021 Shelf life: Two years Importer: Foodgears Industrial International Ltd

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The CFS received a notification from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment of Australia that the above-mentioned product might have been microbiologically contaminated and is being recalled. According to the information provided by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment of Australia, the affected batch of the product has been imported into Hong Kong. Upon learning of the incident, the CFS immediately contacted the local importer concerned for follow-up."

A preliminary investigation found that the local importer, Foodgears Industrial International Ltd, had imported the affected batch of the product into Hong Kong. The importer concerned has initiated a recall according to the CFS' instructions. Enquiries about the recall can be made to the hotline at 3999 5706 during office hours.

The spokesman urged consumers not to consume the affected batch of the product if they have bought any. The trade should also stop using or selling the affected batch of the product concerned immediately if they possess it.

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