

## More categories of fresh produce may be imported via Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge starting from July 1

A spokesman for the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department said today (June 19) that with effect from July 1 (Saturday), the trade could import more categories of fresh food via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) during the designated period.

Under the current arrangement, all goods vehicles carrying fresh food and livestock by land from the Mainland must enter Hong Kong via the Man Kam To Boundary Control Point for inspection by CFS staff. Vehicles carrying fresh aquatic products and frozen and chilled poultry by land from the Mainland may also choose to enter Hong Kong via the HZMB between 9pm and 5am the next day since December 2019 and June 2022 respectively.

In order to further facilitate the trade, having discussed with the Mainland authorities and the trade, the CFS decided to extend the scope of fresh produce imports via the HZMB to cover the same categories of food that are now imported via the Man Kam To Boundary Control Point. Vehicles carrying frozen and chilled meat and game, egg, milk, vegetable and fruit may, with effect from 9pm on July 1, choose to enter Hong Kong via the HZMB during the designated period, i.e. 9pm to 5am the next day, for inspection by CFS staff.

The inspection procedures by the CFS at the Hong Kong Port of the HZMB will be similar to those for vehicles importing fresh produce via the Man Kam To Boundary Control Point, including examining details of import documents, conducting physical inspections and sampling of fresh food for testing.

The spokesman stressed that the arrangement of goods vehicles carrying fresh produce and livestock entering Hong Kong via the Man Kam To Boundary Control Point has not changed.