

Fresh beef sample found to contain sulphur dioxide

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (September 26) that a fresh beef sample was found to contain sulphur dioxide, a preservative which is not permitted to be used in fresh meat. The CFS is following up on the case.

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The CFS took the fresh beef sample from a fresh provision shop (FPS) at the Sunshine City market in Ma On Shan for testing under its routine Food Surveillance Programme. The test result showed that the sample contained sulphur dioxide at a level of 13 parts per million. The CFS is following up with the FPS concerned about the irregularity. Should there be sufficient evidence, prosecution will be instituted."

According to the Preservatives in Food Regulation (Cap. 132BD), it is an offence to add sulphur dioxide to fresh or chilled meat. The maximum penalty is a \$50,000 fine and six months' imprisonment.

Sulphur dioxide is a preservative which can be used in a variety of foods including dried vegetables, dried fruits, pickled vegetables and salted fish products, but under the Regulation it is not permitted in fresh or chilled meat. Individual meat traders have been found illegally using sulphur dioxide to make meat look fresher. Sulphur dioxide is water-soluble, and most of it can be removed through washing and cooking. However, susceptible individuals who are allergic to this preservative may experience breathing difficulties, headaches and nausea after consumption.

The spokesman reminded the food trade to comply with the law and not to sell fresh or chilled meat adulterated with sulphur dioxide. Members of the public should purchase meat from reliable market stalls or FPSs. They should avoid buying or consuming meat which is unnaturally red and maintain a balanced diet to avoid malnutrition or excessive exposure to chemicals from a small range of food items.

â€‹The CFS will continue to follow up on the case and take appropriate action. The investigation is ongoing.

Special traffic arrangements for National Day Fireworks Display on

October 1

Police will implement special traffic arrangements on Hong Kong Island and Kowloon to facilitate the National Day Fireworks Display to be held on October 1 (Tuesday).

Kowloon

Crowd safety management measures in Tsim Sha Tsui

Police will implement crowd safety management measures in Yau Tsim District and Hung Hom Waterfront Promenade, including pedestrianising roads at Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom Waterfront Promenade in phases.

Depending on the prevailing crowd situation, Police will implement safety measures within the pedestrianised areas including the closure of pedestrian subways and putting up barriers. One-way flow will be applied on overcrowded footbridges and in the vicinity of the waterfront promenade. If necessary, restrictions on access to MTR stations will be put into force by the MTR Corporation Limited.

The Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the vicinity of the Clock Tower, and the Avenue of Stars are known to be popular gathering and vantage points. When these areas are saturated, the crowd will be diverted to other areas.

At present, there are some construction works at the West Kowloon Cultural District. The contractors have erected hoardings and barriers to seal off the area concerned with relevant notices displayed. Members of the public are urged not to enter these sites and not to climb or lean against the barriers.

Members of the public should follow the instructions given by Police officers and take heed of Police signage and broadcasts at scene.

Special traffic arrangements

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented by phases until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

A. Road closure and traffic diversions

Phase I (from 6pm onwards)

The following roads will be closed:

- Eastbound and westbound Hung Hom Bypass between Salisbury Road and Hung Hom Road;
- Southbound and northbound Hung Hom Bypass between Salisbury Road and

Metropolis Drive;

- Southbound Salisbury Road between Hong Chong Road and Hung Hom Bypass;
- Eastbound and westbound Salisbury Road between Science Museum Road and Kowloon Park Drive, including Salisbury Road's eastbound and westbound underpass;
- The U-turn slip road of Salisbury Road leading from eastbound Salisbury Road U-turn to westbound Salisbury Road;
- Hong Wan Path;
- Mody Lane;
- Mody Road;
- Mody Square;
- Granville Square;
- Granville Road between Chatham Road South and Science Museum Road, except for franchised buses and green minibuses (GMBs) (the road will be re-routed to one-way eastbound);
- Southbound Chatham Road South between Cheong Wan Road and Salisbury Road;
- Southbound Chatham Road South between Cheong Wan Road and Granville Road, except for franchised buses and GMBs;
- Northbound Chatham Road South between Granville Road and Salisbury Road;
- Southbound and northbound Carnarvon Road between Granville Road and Nathan Road;
- Hau Fook Street;
- Cameron Lane;
- Cameron Road;
- Humphreys Avenue;
- Prat Avenue;
- Hart Avenue;
- Hanoi Road;
- Bristol Avenue;
- Minden Row;
- Minden Avenue;
- Blenheim Avenue;
- Middle Road;
- Northbound Nathan Road between Austin Road and Salisbury Road;
- Southbound Nathan Road between Granville Road and Salisbury Road;
- Southbound Kowloon Park Drive between Canton Road and Salisbury Road;
- Southbound Canton Road between Kowloon Park Drive and Salisbury Road;
- Ashley Road;
- Hankow Road;
- Lock Road;
- Haiphong Road;
- Ichang Street; and
- Peking Road.

During the above road closure period, the following traffic diversions will be implemented:

- Traffic along southbound Hung Hom Road will be directed from Hung Hom Bypass to Cheong Tung Road South roundabout;
- Traffic along eastbound Metropolis Drive cannot turn right to southbound Hung Hom Bypass;

- Traffic along southbound Hung Hom Bypass must turn right to westbound Metropolis Drive;
- Traffic along westbound Cheong Wan Road leading to Chatham Road South must turn right to northbound Chatham Road South or go straight to westbound Austin Road, except for franchised buses and GMBs;
- Franchised buses and GMBs along southbound Chatham Road South must turn left to eastbound Granville Road;
- Franchised buses along southbound Nathan Road must turn right to westbound Public Square Street or westbound Jordan Road;
- Traffic along westbound Jordan Road cannot turn left to southbound Canton Road. Vehicles must go straight to Nga Cheung Road direction or turn left to southbound Wui Man Road;
- Traffic along southbound Canton Road must make a U-turn to northbound Canton Road outside China Hong Kong City;
- Traffic along northbound Kowloon Park Drive cannot turn left to southbound Canton Road;
- Traffic along eastbound Salisbury Road must turn left to northbound Kowloon Park Drive;
- Traffic along northbound Kowloon Park Drive cannot turn right to Peking Road;
- Westbound Granville Road between Nathan Road and Carnarvon Road will turn to eastbound contraflow. Traffic along southbound Nathan Road will be instructed to turn left to eastbound Granville Road;
- Traffic along Science Museum Road cannot turn to Mody Road and Granville Road;
- Traffic along southbound Salisbury Road near Hong Chong Road will be diverted to Tsim Sha Tsui East; and
- Traffic along eastbound Granville Road must turn left to northbound Chatham Road South.

Phase II (from 6.30pm onwards)

The following roads will be closed:

- Northbound Kowloon Park Drive between Canton Road and Salisbury Road; and
- Eastbound and westbound Salisbury Road between Canton Road and Kowloon Park Drive.

Phase III (from 7pm onwards)

The following roads will be closed:

- The U-turn slip road of Austin Road West near the Xiqu Centre leading from westbound Austin Road West U-turn to eastbound Austin Road West;
- The first lane of Austin Road West leading to Austin Road West roundabout;
- The U-turn slip road of Austin Road West near The Harbourside leading from eastbound Austin Road West U-turn to westbound Austin Road West;
- Museum Drive; and
- Cultural Drive.

During the above road closure period, the following traffic diversions will be implemented:

- Traffic along eastbound and westbound Austin Road West cannot enter the slip roads of Austin Road West; and
- Traffic along southbound Nga Cheung Road entering Austin Road West roundabout cannot turn to Museum Drive. Vehicles will be directed to eastbound Austin Road West or northbound Nga Cheung Road.

Phase IV (from 8.45pm onwards)

The following roads will be closed:

- Southbound and northbound Nathan Road between Jordan Road and Austin Road;
- Eastbound Bowring Street between Pilkem Street and Nathan Road;
- Eastbound Tak Shing Street between Tak Hing Street and Nathan Road;
- Southbound Nathan Road between Austin Road and Granville Road;
- Pine Tree Hill Road;
- Hillwood Road;
- Carnarvon Road between Kimberley Road and Granville Road;
- Shun Yee Street;
- Granville Circuit;
- Northbound Chatham Road South between Observatory Road and Granville Road;
- Kimberley Road between Nathan Road and Observatory Road;
- Kimberley Street;
- Granville Road between Nathan Road and Chatham Road South;
- Southbound and northbound Canton Road between Austin Road and Kowloon Park Drive;
- Austin Road West roundabout between the entrance of Austin Road West and the exit and entrance of Museum Drive; and
- Southbound and northbound Nga Cheung Road between Jordan Road and Austin Road West.

During the above road closure period, the following traffic diversions will be implemented:

- Traffic along southbound Nathan Road must turn right to westbound Jordan Road;
- Traffic along westbound Jordan Road cannot turn left to southbound Nathan Road;
- Traffic along westbound Austin Road and southbound Cox's Road cannot turn to Pine Tree Hill Road;
- Traffic along Observatory Road cannot turn to westbound Kimberley Street;
- Traffic along northbound Pilkem Street cannot turn right to eastbound Bowring Street;
- Traffic along eastbound Bowring Street must turn left to northbound Pilkem Street;
- Traffic along southbound Canton Road cannot go straight. Vehicles must turn left to eastbound Austin Road or turn right to westbound Austin Road West;
- Traffic along eastbound Austin Road West cannot turn right. Vehicles must turn left to northbound Canton Road or go straight to eastbound Austin Road;
- Traffic along northbound Gateway Boulevard must leave from northbound Kowloon Park Drive;
- Traffic along westbound Jordan Road must turn to the Kowloon Station Public Transport Interchange after turning left to southbound Nga Cheung Road;

- Traffic along westbound Austin Road West must go straight to Nga Cheung Road elevated road; and
- Traffic along southbound Nga Cheung Road entering Austin Road West roundabout must turn left to eastbound Austin Road West.

Contingency plan

If necessary, the following roads will be closed:

- Hung Luen Road between Wa Shun Street and Hung Lok Road;
- Oi King Street; and
- Kin Wan Street.

During the above road closure period, the following traffic diversions will be implemented:

- Traffic along westbound Hung Luen Road must turn left to Wa Shun Street;
- Traffic along Wa Shun Street must turn right to eastbound Hung Luen Road;
- Traffic along southbound Hung Lok Road cannot turn left to eastbound Hung Luen Road; and
- Traffic along eastbound Hung Luen Road must turn left to northbound Hung Lok Road.

B. Suspension of Bus Terminus and Public Transport Interchange

The following Bus Terminus and Public Transport Interchange will be suspended, until the crowd has dispersed and traffic resumes normal:

The Mody Road Bus Terminus will be suspended from 6pm.

The Star Ferry Bus Terminus will be suspended from 6.30pm.

The China Hong Kong City Public Transport Interchange will be suspended from 8.45pm.

C. Suspension of car park

Vehicles will not be permitted to access or leave car parks in the affected areas during the road closure period.

D. Suspension of on-street parking spaces

All on-street parking spaces located at Tsim Sha Tsui South (i.e. South of Austin Road) will be suspended from noon on October 1 to 0.01am of the following day.

Hong Kong Island

A. Road closure

Phase I (Before the fireworks display)

Central District

Tramway Lane outside Lower Peak Tram Station leading from Garden Road to the office of World Wild Fund for Nature Hong Kong will be closed from 2pm to 11.59pm, except for franchised buses.

Wan Chai North

Expo Drive East at the north of Expo Drive outside Golden Bauhinia Square including the pick-up and drop-off areas will be closed from 4pm to 11.59pm.

The following roads will be closed from 7.30pm onwards:

Central District

- Man Kwong Street;
- Man Fai Street;
- Man Yiu Street between Man Kwong Street and Man Po Street;
- Loading and unloading area outside Central Ferry Piers 7, 8 and 9; and
- Unnamed Road near Lung Wo Road outside General Post Office.

Central – Wan Chai Bypass

- The slip road linking eastbound Central – Wan Chai Bypass to Expo Drive;
- The slip road linking Lung Wo Road to eastbound Central – Wan Chai Bypass; and
- The slip road linking westbound Central – Wan Chai Bypass to Lung Wo Road.

Wan Chai North

- Eastbound Fenwick Pier Street;
- Lung King Street;
- Eastbound Harbour Road;
- Expo Drive;
- Expo Drive Central;
- Expo Drive East;
- Lung Wo Road between Lung Hop Street and Fleming Road;
- Lung Tat Path;
- Convention Avenue;
- Fleming Road Flyover;
- Fleming Road between Expo Drive and Harbour Road;
- Northbound Tonnochy Road between eastbound Harbour Road and Hung Hing Road;
- Southbound Tonnochy Road between Hung Hing Road and Gloucester Road;
- Marsh Road between Gloucester Road and Hung Hing Road;
- Marsh Road Flyover;
- Marsh Road between Hennessy Road and Lockhart Road;
- Hung Hing Road;
- Hung Hing Road Flyover;
- Wan Shing Street; and

- Wan Ying Street.

Peak Area

- Northbound Peak Road beyond the car park entrance of Peak Galleria, except for residents' vehicles;
- Barker Road, except for residents' vehicles;
- All laybys along Stubbs Road between Peak Road and Stubbs Road roundabout; and
- All laybys along Magazine Gap Road between Peak Road and May Road.

The following roads will be closed from 8pm onwards:

Eastern District

- Watson Road;
- Whitfield Road;
- Glass Street;
- King Ming Road;
- Hing Fat Street northward of Whitfield Road; and
- Victoria Park Road (Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter).

The following roads will be closed from 8.15pm onwards:

Central District

- Yiu Sing Street;
- Lung Wo Road;
- Edinburgh Place;
- Tim Wa Avenue;
- Legislative Council Road;
- Tim Mei Avenue;
- Lung Wui Road;
- Lung Hop Street;
- Unnamed road between Harcourt Road and Performing Arts Avenue;
- Performing Arts Avenue; and
- Edinburgh Place.

Wan Chai North

- Tonnochy Road Flyover;
- Northbound Tonnochy Road between Gloucester Road and Harbour Road;
- Westbound Harbour Road;
- Harbour Drive;
- Fleming Road between Gloucester Road and Harbour Road; and
- Fenwick Street between Gloucester Road and Harbour Road.

Phase II (During the fireworks display)

The following roads will be closed from 8.55pm to 9.28pm:

Eastern District

- Westbound Island Eastern Corridor between Victoria Park Road and Man Hong Street, except for franchised buses;
- Slip roads leading to westbound Island Eastern Corridor from Healthy Street Central and Tong Shui Road; and
- Westbound Central – Wan Chai Bypass.

Phase III (After the fireworks display)

The following roads will be closed from 8.55pm onwards:

Central District

- Man Yiu Street between Man Cheung Street and Man Po Street;
- Man Po Street; and
- Finance Street between Man Yiu Street and Man Po Street.

Wan Chai South

- Lockhart Road between Percival Street and Luard Road;
 - Jaffe Road between Percival Street and Luard Road;
 - Southbound Luard Road between Gloucester Road and Jaffe Road;
 - O'Brien Road;
 - Fleming Road between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
 - Stewart Road;
 - Tonnochy Road between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
 - Marsh Road between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
 - Canal Road West between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
 - Canal Road East between Gloucester Road and Hennessy Road;
 - If necessary, Percival Street between Lockhart Road and Gloucester Road;
- and
- If necessary, westbound Gloucester Road service road between Percival Street and Canal Road East.

B. Traffic Diversions

In connection with the above road closure, the following traffic diversions will be implemented:

From 7.30pm onwards:

- Rumsey Street between Chung Kong Road and Connaught Road Central will be re-routed to one-way southbound; and
- All uphill traffic along Peak Road towards Harlech Road, Lugard Road and Mount Austin Road will be diverted downhill via the slip road beside the car park entrance at the Peak Galleria, except for residents' vehicles or vehicles with permits.

From 8.55pm to 9.28pm:

Traffic along westbound Island Eastern Corridor will be diverted to Man Hong Street.

From 8.55pm onwards:

Traffic along eastbound Connaught Road West Flyover will be diverted to Finance Street.

C. Suspension of parking spaces

All on-street metered, motorcycle and disabled parking spaces (Meter nos: 3186 to 3188, 3190 to 3193 and 3197) at Tramway Lane outside Lower Peak Tram Station will be suspended from 1pm to 11pm.

All on-street parking spaces at Expo Drive East at the north of Expo Drive outside Golden Bauhinia Square will be suspended from 4pm to 11.59pm.

All on-street metered and motorcycle parking spaces at Victoria Peak Garden and Mount Austin Road (Meter nos: 1515(A/B) to 1518(A/B), 1523(A/B) to 1526(A/B), 1519A, 1520A, 1521(A/B) and 1522B) will be suspended from 7pm to 11.59pm.

All parking spaces at the following locations will be suspended from 3pm to 11.59pm:

- Man Kwong Street;
- Ying Sing Street;
- Lung Wo Road;
- Unnamed Road near Lung Wo Road outside General Post Office;
- Edinburgh Place;
- Lung Wui Road; and
- Lung Hop Street.

All parking spaces at the following locations will be suspended from 4pm to 11.59pm:

- Hung Hing Road;
- Expo Drive;
- Expo Drive East;
- Convention Avenue;
- Wan Shing Street;
- Gloucester Road service road;
- Stewart Road between Jaffe Road and Gloucester Road service road;
- Marsh Road between Hennessy Road and Lockhart Road;
- Jaffe Road between Percival Street and Luard Road; and
- Lockhart Road between Percival Street and Luard Road.

All parking spaces at the following locations will be suspended from 7pm to 11.59pm:

- Watson Road; and
- Whitfield Road.

D. Suspension of Public Transport Interchange

The Exhibition Centre Station Public Transport Interchange and Man Yiu

Street Public Transport Interchange will be suspended from 6.30pm to 11.59pm.

E. Suspension of car parks

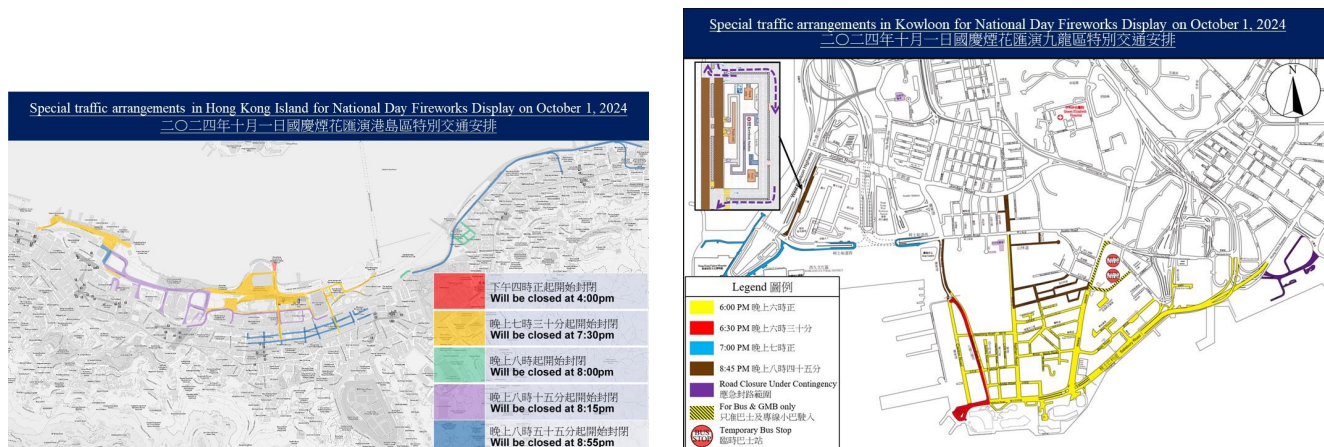
Vehicles parked in car parks within the above closed areas at North Point, Wan Chai North, Wan Chai South and Central District will not be permitted to enter/leave the car parks during the road closure period.

If necessary, the vehicular entrance/exit along on westbound Gloucester Road between Paterson Street and Percival Street will be closed without prior notice.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts mentioned above will be towed away without prior warning, and may be subject to multiple ticketing.

Members of the public are advised to use public transport to access the above areas. They should pay attention to the latest special traffic arrangements announced by the Transport Department and the latest weather news released by the Hong Kong Observatory. Actual implementation of the crowd safety management measures and traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Members of the public are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

If the cancellation of the fireworks display is announced by the organiser, the above-mentioned crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements will not be implemented.



“Celebration of National Day – The Next Generation Chorus Performance” to

be held on September 30

â€œTo celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, "Celebration of National Day – The Next Generation Chorus Performance" organised by the Tourism Commission, with East Union Foundation Limited as an implementing organisation, will be held in Art Park of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) from 8.30pm to 9.10pm on September 30 (Monday).

The show will cover a wide array of performances, including a drone show with 2 099 drones symbolising "2024" in the year of 2024 and "75" from the 75th National Day, 1 000 students singing patriotic songs on site, and performances by multiple youth groups. The show will showcase the country's achievements through three themes, namely "Standing Up", "Growing Prosperous", and "Becoming Strong". In addition, Ms Cally Kwong will sing the patriotic education theme song "Our Home".

Due to space constraints, members of the public may enjoy the drone show from certain parts of the lawn areas in the WKCD. As there may be a restricted view of the drone show in some other areas in the WKCD, members of the public may also enjoy the show on TV screens at designated viewing areas (map enclosed). Participants are advised to use public transport and avoid driving private cars to the vicinity of the WKCD whenever possible. During the show, they should keep public areas clean and take care of public property. Participants are also advised to pay attention to safety in crowded places.

RTHK TV 32, China Central Television, HOY TV, Now TV, Phoenix TV, TVB, ViuTV will live broadcast the show, and members of the public can enjoy the show at home to celebrate National Day.

As the event may be affected by weather conditions, participants should pay attention to public announcements on the event day to obtain the latest information of the event.

Update on cluster of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci cases at Shatin Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci

(VRE) confirmed cases in a medical and geriatrics ward, the spokesperson for Shatin Hospital gave the following update today (September 26):

Following a contact tracing investigation, one more patient, a 62-year-old female in the same ward, was identified as a carrier of VRE. The patient is now being treated in isolation in Prince of Wales Hospital and is in stable condition.

The hospital will enhance infection control measures and closely monitor the situation of the ward concerned. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for necessary follow-up.

[Hong Kong Customs seizes smuggled goods worth about \\$150 million \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs detected two suspected smuggling cases involving ocean-going vessels on September 9 and 19. Large batches of suspected smuggled goods with a total estimated market value of about \$150 million were seized.

Through intelligence analysis and risk assessment, Customs discovered that criminals intended to use ocean-going vessels to smuggle goods. Strategies were thus formulated, with two suspicious containers scheduled to depart from Hong Kong to Singapore, and one suspicious container prepared to be shipped to Taiwan, via ocean-going vessels selected for inspection.

Customs inspected the three containers that were declared as carrying "household electric items" and "screen, wafer of IC, backlight, computer, game console base, cosmetics and DVD player" on September 9 and 19. Upon examinations, Customs officers found large batches of suspected smuggled goods, including mobile phones, accessories, cosmetics, circuit boards and integrated circuits, in the containers.

An investigation is ongoing. The likelihood of arrests is not ruled out.

Being a government department primarily responsible for tackling smuggling activities, Customs has long been combating various smuggling activities at the forefront. Customs will keep up its enforcement action and continue to fiercely combat sea smuggling activities through proactive risk management and intelligence-based enforcement strategies, and carry out targeted anti-smuggling operations at suitable times to disrupt relevant crimes.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years upon conviction.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

