

# Inspection of aquatic products imported from Japan

In response to the Japanese Government's plan to discharge nuclear-contaminated water at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station, the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene issued a Food Safety Order which prohibits all aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds originating from the 10 metropolis/prefectures, namely Tokyo, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Miyagi, Chiba, Gunma, Tochigi, Niigata, Nagano and Saitama, from being imported into and supplied in Hong Kong.

For other Japanese aquatic products, sea salt and seaweeds that are not prohibited from being imported into Hong Kong, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will conduct comprehensive radiological tests to verify that the radiation levels of these products do not exceed the guideline levels before they are allowed to be supplied in the market.

As the discharge of nuclear-contaminated water is unprecedented and will continue for 30 years or more, the Government will closely monitor and step up the testing arrangements. Should anomalies be detected, the Government does not preclude further tightening the scope of the import ban.

From noon on July 8 to noon today (July 9), the CFS conducted tests on the radiological levels of 218 food samples imported from Japan, which were of the "aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt" category. No sample was found to have exceeded the safety limit. Details can be found on the CFS's thematic website titled "Control Measures on Foods Imported from Japan"

([www.cfs.gov.hk/english/programme/programme\\_rafs/programme\\_rafs\\_fc\\_01\\_30\\_Nuclear\\_Event\\_and\\_Food\\_Safety.html](http://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/programme/programme_rafs/programme_rafs_fc_01_30_Nuclear_Event_and_Food_Safety.html)).

In parallel, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has also tested 50 samples of local catch for radiological levels. All the samples passed the tests. Details can be found on the AFCD's website ([www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/Radiological\\_testing/Radiological\\_Test.html](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/Radiological_testing/Radiological_Test.html)).

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) has also enhanced the environmental monitoring of the local waters. No anomaly has been detected so far. For details, please refer to the HKO's website ([www.hko.gov.hk/en/radiation/monitoring/seawater.html](http://www.hko.gov.hk/en/radiation/monitoring/seawater.html)).

From August 24 to noon today, the CFS and the AFCD have conducted tests on the radiological levels of 66 002 samples of food imported from Japan (including 42 496 samples of aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt) and 15 892 samples of local catch respectively. All the samples passed the tests.

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## Exchange Fund Bills tender results

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

Tender date	: July 9, 2024
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q2428
Issue date	: July 10, 2024
Maturity date	: October 9, 2024
Amount applied	: HK\$141,543 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$65,312 MN
Average yield accepted	: 4.47 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 4.51 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 88 PCT
Average tender yield	: 4.58 PCT

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Tender date	: July 9, 2024
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H2457
Issue date	: July 10, 2024
Maturity date	: January 8, 2025
Amount applied	: HK\$50,920 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$19,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 4.38 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 4.41 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 97 PCT
Average tender yield	: 4.54 PCT

\*"Pro rata ratio" refers to the average percentage of allotment with respect to each tender participant's tendered amount at the "highest yield accepted" level.

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Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning July 15, 2024:

Tender date	: July 16, 2024
Paper on offer	: EF Bills

Issue number : Q2429  
Issue date : July 17, 2024  
Maturity date : October 16, 2024  
Tenor : 91 Days  
Amount on offer : HK\$64,314 MN

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Tender date : July 16, 2024  
Paper on offer : EF Bills  
Issue number : H2458  
Issue date : July 17, 2024  
Maturity date : January 15, 2025  
Tenor : 182 Days  
Amount on offer : HK\$19,800 MN

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## [Appeal for information on missing man in Kwun Tong \(with photos\)](#)

Police today (July 9) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Kwun Tong.

Ng Ka-wing, aged 44, went missing after he was last seen at a hotel on Wai Yip Street on July 7 noon. His family made a report to Police yesterday (July 8).

He is about 1.65 metres tall, 65 kilograms in weight and of normal build. He has a round face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a short-sleeved shirt with blue and white stripes, dark shorts, grey shoes and carrying a dark backpack.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0331 or email to [rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk](mailto:rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk), or contact any police station.



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## Missing woman in Ngau Tau Kok located

A woman who went missing in Ngau Tau Kok has been located.

Chan Ka-tung, aged 25, went missing after she left her residence in Tak Long Estate on July 1 afternoon. Her family made a report to Police on July 6.

The woman turned up at police station to cancel the missing person report last night (July 8). She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

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## LD reminds employers and employees to take heat stroke preventive measures in times of Heat Stress at Work Warning

As the Heat Stress at Work Warning is now in effect, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and employees to take appropriate measures during the effective period of the warning to prevent heat stroke when working in hot weather or hot environments.

Employees who work outdoors or in non-air-conditioned indoor environments face high levels of heat stress and are at a relatively higher risk of heat stroke. Employers should assess the risk factors of heat stress for employees at work and, based on the identified risk factors, take necessary preventive and control measures, including rescheduling work periods, setting up shading covers, providing ventilation and heat dissipation equipment, and reminding employees to replenish water and rest in a timely manner.

The Heat Stress at Work Warning is formulated by the LD based on the Hong Kong Heat Index. There are three levels of the warning: Amber, Red and Black, which help employers and employees better understand the level of heat stress while working outdoors or indoors without air-conditioning systems.

A spokesman for the LD said that when the department issues the Heat Stress at Work Warning, employers must refer to the criteria and recommendations provided in the "[Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work](#)" to conduct risk assessments, according to the workloads and other relevant heat stress risk factors, for employees who work outdoors or in non-air-conditioned indoor workplaces. Appropriate rest breaks should be arranged every hour, as far as reasonably practicable, based on various levels of the Heat Stress at Work Warning, to reduce employees' risk of heat stroke.

Employees must also follow instructions to rest on time. Whenever there are any symptoms of heat-related illnesses, such as headache, dizziness, thirst, and nausea, they should rest in a cool and shady place, drink water, and inform employers/supervisors to take appropriate action immediately.

The LD issued the "Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work", detailing the various risk factors that should be considered when conducting heat stress risk assessments and recommending corresponding control measures for identified risk factors for employers' and employees' reference. For the Heat Stress at Work Warning and related guidelines, please refer to the department's thematic webpage:  
[www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/prevention\\_of\\_heat\\_stroke\\_at\\_work.htm](http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/prevention_of_heat_stroke_at_work.htm).