

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 is 106.7 (up 0.1 against yesterday's index).

Exchange Fund Bills tender results

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

Exchange Fund Bills tender results:

Tender date	: March 25, 2025
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q2513
Issue date	: March 26, 2025
Maturity date	: June 25, 2025
Amount applied	: HK\$163,481 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$63,485 MN
Average yield accepted	: 3.30 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 3.33 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 68 PCT
Average tender yield	: 3.37 PCT

Tender date	: 25 March 2025
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H2542
Issue date	: 26 March 2025
Maturity date	: 24 September 2025
Amount applied	: HK\$52,900 MN
Amount allotted	: HK\$15,000 MN
Average yield accepted	: 3.32 PCT
Highest yield accepted	: 3.35 PCT
Pro rata ratio*	: About 10 PCT
Average tender yield	: 3.42 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.

Hong Kong Monetary Authority tenders to be held in the week beginning March 31, 2025:

Tender date	: April 1, 2025
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: Q2514
Issue date	: April 2, 2025
Maturity date	: July 2, 2025
Tenor	: 91 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$67,230 MN

Tender date	: April 1, 2025
Paper on offer	: EF Bills
Issue number	: H2543
Issue date	: April 2, 2025
Maturity date	: October 2, 2025
Tenor	: 183 Days
Amount on offer	: HK\$20,000 MN

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 is conducting 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 the situation and continue to implement the enhanced testing arrangements. Should anomalies be detected, the Government does not preclude further tightening

the scope of the import ban.

From noon on March 24 to noon today (March 25), the CFS conducted tests on the radiological levels of 204 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).

In parallel, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has also tested 52 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).

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).

From August 24, 2023, to noon today, the CFS and the AFCD have conducted tests on the radiological levels of 124 613 samples of food imported from Japan (including 81 881 samples of aquatic and related products, seaweeds and sea salt) and 28 780 samples of local catch respectively. All the samples passed the tests.

Import of poultry meat and products from Township of Enniskillen of Ontario Province in Canada suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (March 25) that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in the Township of Enniskillen of Ontario Province in Canada, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the area with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 400 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Canada last year.

â€‹"The CFS has contacted the Canadian authority over the issue and will closely monitor information issued by the W0AH and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreak. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.

[Update on postal services to Italy](#)

â€‹Hongkong Post announced today (March 25) that, as advised by the postal administration of Italy, mail delivery services previously impacted by a local strike have returned to normal. However, due to the impact of flooding, mail delivery services to the provinces of Florence, Lucca, Grosseto, Livorno, Pistoia and Prato in Italy are still subject to delay.