

# CFS urges public not to consume prepackaged frozen vegetable products suspected to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (July 7) urged the public, for the sake of prudence, not to consume several kinds of prepackaged frozen vegetable products produced by the Greenyard Frozen UK Ltd due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a pathogen. The trade should stop using or selling the products concerned immediately if they possess them.

Details of the products are as follows:

1. Product name : Sainsbury's Mixed Vegetables  
Packing: one kilogram per pack  
Importer: The Dairy Farm Company Limited  
Best before date: All codes to January 2020 inclusive
2. Product name : Waitrose Love Life Vegetable Medley Steamers  
Packing: four small packs of 160 grams each per pack  
Importer: PARKnSHOP (HK) Limited  
Best before date: May, July, September 2018
3. Product name : Growers Pride Mixed Vegetables  
Packing: 450 grams per pack  
Importer: PARKnSHOP (HK) Limited  
Best before date: All codes to July 2021 inclusive
4. Product name : Ross Mixed Vegetables  
Packing: one kilogram per pack  
Importer: PARKnSHOP (HK) Limited  
Best before date: All codes to July 2020 inclusive
5. Product name : Ross Sweetcorn  
Packing: 450 grams per pack  
Importer: PARKnSHOP (HK) Limited  
Best before date: All codes to July 2021 inclusive

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The Centre, through its Food Incident Surveillance System, learned of a notice issued by the United Kingdom Food Standards Agency that the Greenyard Frozen UK Limited is recalling several kinds of frozen vegetable products as they might have been contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. "

The CFS immediately contacted major local importers and retailers for follow-up. Preliminary investigation found that two local importers, The

Dairy Farm Company Limited and PARKnSHOP (HK) Limited, had imported the above affected products into Hong Kong for sale at their chain supermarkets. The importers concerned have already stopped sale and removed from shelves the affected products and initiated a recall. Members of the public can contact the importers and the supermarkets concerned for enquiries about the recall.

"Listeria monocytogenes can be easily destroyed by cooking but can survive and multiply at refrigerator temperature. Most healthy individuals do not develop symptoms or only have mild symptoms like fever, muscle pain, headache, nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea when infected. However, severe complications such as septicemia, meningitis or even death may occur in newborns, the elderly and those with a weaker immune system. Although infected pregnant women may just experience mild symptoms generally, the infection of Listeria monocytogenes may cause miscarriage, infant death, preterm birth, or severe infection in newborns," the spokesman said.

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

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

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## [Hong Kong actress wins coveted international Rising Star Award](#)

Hong Kong actress, Stephy Tang, whose leading role in "The Empty Hands" (2017) was deemed to be her "career-best performance" as described by the reputable entertainment magazine Hollywood Reporter, has added the "Screen International Rising Star Award" to her accolades in the New York Asian Film Festival (NYAFF). She is the first Hong Kong actress to receive the coveted award.

At the presentation ceremony in Lincoln Center on July 6 (New York time), the Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York (HKETONY), Ms Joanne Chu said the award was a timely boon as this year marked the 10th anniversary of the collaboration between HKETONY and NYAFF.

While she congratulated the singer-turned-actress for a successful year, she also thanked the organisers of NYAFF for bringing Hong Kong films and talents to the New York movie-savvy audience in the past decade, counting 80 award-winning films and inviting more than 30 directors, actors and screenwriters for interviews.

The Executive Director of NYAFF, Mr Samuel Jamier, said the Hong Kong

film series had always been the core segment of the festival. "We are pleased to see the festival grow from strength to strength since 2002 and with the ETO's support since 2009. Ten years down the road, we have presented in world/US/New York premieres a variety of Hong Kong genre films besides action, horrors and police thrillers which obviously are still the audience favourites," he added.

The festival has since been regarded as the "best film festival in New York" by Village Voice and "one of the city's most valuable events" by New York Times. It was the first North American film festival to champion the works of Johnnie To, Bong Joon-ho, Park Chan-wook, Takashi Miike, and other auteurs of contemporary Asian cinema. Since 2010, it has been produced in collaboration with the Film Society of Lincoln Center.

The lineup this year featured nine Hong Kong films, with two world premieres, one North American premiere and three New York premieres. "Men on the Dragon" (2018), the debut feature of screenwriter-director Sunny Chan, will have its world premiere on July 12. Both Chan and co-actress Jennifer Yu will meet the audience in a Q&A session. The film starring Francis Ng, Poon Chan Leung and Kenny Wong was another successful venture of Hong Kong Film Development Fund.

The film talents who have attended the festival in the past ten years (including 2018) were Heiward Mak Hei-Yan, Wai Ka-fai (2009); Sammo Hung, Simon Yam (2010); Tsui Hark (2011); Pang Ho-cheung, Donnie Yen (2012); Jackie Chan, Erica Li, Herman Yau (2013); Felix Chong, Alan Mak, Sandra Ng (2014); Aaron Kwok, Ringo Lam, Lau Ho-Leung (2015); Adam Wong, Miriam Yeung (2016); Florence Chan, Derek Hui, Lawrence Lau, Alan Lo, Carrie Ng, Eric Tsang, Wong Chun (2017); and Antony Chan, Sunny Chan, Dante Lam, Stephy Tang and Jennifer Yu (2018).

The video of the award presentation can be found at [www.facebook.com/hkmeetsamerica/videos/1130956700384735/ch](http://www.facebook.com/hkmeetsamerica/videos/1130956700384735/ch). Photos are available on [www.instagram.com/hongkongmeetsamerica/](http://www.instagram.com/hongkongmeetsamerica/).

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## [Speech by CS at Jockey Club Music Children Seed Programme Kick-Off Ceremony \(with photos/video\)](#)

Following is the speech by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, at Jockey Club Music Children Seed Programme Kick-Off Ceremony today (July 7):

I just follow the fine tradition of the chairlady and will start my speech in English first, and followed by Cantonese. I am really touched today

for being invited to this very important occasion.

First of all, Monique (Founder and Artistic Director of the Music Children Foundation (MCF), Ms Monique Pong), Annike (Founder and Executive Director of the MCF, Ms Annike Pong) and Anthony of course from the Jockey Club (Deputy Chairman of Hong Kong Jockey Club, Mr Anthony Chow), without you we won't be able to gather here today.

I would like to pay warm tribute to the three ladies, particularly the two sisters. You started the whole movement five years ago. I first came to know you when the project was operated in run-down premises in Sham Shui Po. I was touched by your passion, generosity, commitment and selfless devotion to the underprivileged people in Hong Kong. It is really a moving story. I was in tears because you really changed the life of the disadvantaged kids living in cubicles in Sham Shui Po. It is a dream come true.

The programme has mushroomed over the last five years, multiplying effect from one to eight. And of course my enormous gratitude goes to the Jockey Club as always. I always love seeing Anthony. Every time I see him means more people will likely be benefited. So my warm tribute to the Jockey Club! This is a huge donation, but this is also a substantial investment for future generations. There is no better investment than investing in our own children, particularly in their future, in their qualities, in their soft skills. In fact you are changing the lives of many, many Hong Kong children.

Monique told me that you've got the first batch of your trainees now, becoming scholars, and also coming back to help the younger kids. So this is what we call by giving back to the community. This is a very good story of reinvesting in the whole community and then helping the whole new generation of Hong Kong. They are the future of society.

The Government also attaches great importance to the well-being of our children. The current term government has just celebrated the first year of our anniversary. Generally, I think we are still kicking our life of course. In the first year, we decided to place the well-being of the underprivileged very high on the policy agenda, particularly the upward mobility of children and young people. So I have been tasked to chair, first of all, a Youth Development Commission, targeting the cohort of 18 to 35 years of age. I have also taken up the very difficult task of chairing the Children's Commission, from age 0 to 18. So, we call it a continuum of caring, a through-train service, under the Chief Secretary for Administration, called Matthew Cheung.

And this underlines our important attachment to the upbringing, the qualities of our next generation in Hong Kong – upward mobility, their qualities. Music in fact is a very important, I would say, propeller for them to move forward. Look at the kids just now- their performance, their confidence, their facial expressions and also their co-

operation, their team work. The Music Children Foundation indeed a symphony of passion, love, generosity, collaboration and, finally, selfless devotion for the love of Hong Kong. I must thank a lot of supporters, like Dr Lo (Chairman of Lo Ying Shek Chi Wai Foundation, Dr Lo Ka-shui), from day one; the Hong Kong Jockey Club, which very kindly donated \$45 million, enough for three years. Their target is to train up 4 100 young children who can stand here, sing, play instruments, without paying a single cent, not a single dollar. Even if they can't afford instruments, no problem, instruments provided, all free, provided that you really practice it and do it.

I was in tears when I watched that video – a young kid who loves saxophone living in a cubicle in Sham Shui Po. How can you practice in a cubicle with 10 families living on the same floor or up on the rooftop surrounded by all washings and TV antennas, and start practicing early in the morning? This is about persistence, professionalism, commitment and determination for upward mobility, right? It also changes the whole character of young people.

So, on that note I would simply say I come here with a heart of gratitude. To say thank you very much indeed for helping me in my task of enhancing the well-being of the next generation. Allow me to say a few words in Cantonese now.



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## [Speech by CE at Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA 20th Anniversary Management Conference \(English only\) \(with photos/video\)](#)

Following is the speech by the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, at Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA 20th Anniversary Management Conference today

(July 7):

Andrew (Chairman of the Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), Mr Andrew Liao), Professor Shyy Wei (Acting President of the HKUST), Professor Tam (Dean of the Business School of the HKUST, Professor Tam Kar-yan), Professor Blount (Dean of Kellogg School of Management of the Northwestern University, Professor Sally Blount), distinguished alumni, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. We only celebrated the 21st anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) a week ago, and last evening I attended the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Hong Kong International Airport. So it really gives me great delight to be here this morning to join all of you to celebrate the 20th anniversary of such a distinguished programme, the Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA, and I know you have a full day of discussions and fun, hopefully, during the gala dinner.

HKUST by itself is a relatively young university, but over the years this university has really made us proud, having been voted many times into the top 100 or even the top 50. The Executive MBA Programme is even more illustrious to be ranked number 1 in the world by the Financial Times – not for one year, two years, three years but for eight years – so let me just commend and congratulate the Kellogg-HKUST Programme. All these wonderful achievements would not have been possible without the great work done by the Council Chairman, the President, the Dean, the Faculty, both past and present, of course including my former colleague, Professor KC Chan, who is here today.

I notice that the theme of today's conference is "Leadership in an Age of Disruption". It is very timely because just 24 hours ago the law and order on the multilateral trade system and the economic globalisation have been disrupted by one single country. I am not going to talk about this trade war, except to assure you that Hong Kong will stay alert to assess the implications arising from the trade war, the sanctions, the tariff increases and so on, and get ourselves ready if there are things that the Government could do. But it does remind me of a statement, a very powerful statement, made by President Xi Jinping at an international forum. He said of course you could close the door in order to keep the wind and the rain away, but by closing the door you are also denying the people in the room of air and sunshine. The implications are something that we should all ponder on.

Coming back to Hong Kong, I have been in the Government for 38 years now, so you would have imagined for somebody like myself, who have been in senior executive positions for quite some time, that the Government would be willing to send me to some MBA programme, either in this very illustrious Executive MBA programme of Kellogg and HKUST or the Sloan programme, to which the Government is still sending senior colleagues, or the Harvard Business School programme, but unfortunately I have attended none of these programmes. I am more or less a self-made senior executive or leader. So I am going to spend the next few minutes to share with you my experience, or how I sort of nurtured myself to become a senior executive without the benefit of the MBA

programmes, especially now that I am in the position of the Chief Executive of Hong Kong.

As you know, I have just finished my first year in office and when I started this job, the first thing as a leader is you need to have a vision for Hong Kong, just like all of you who are in key businesses, you need to have a vision for your corporation. My vision for Hong Kong is very simple. It is for a Hong Kong of hope and happiness, a city that we are proud to call our home – a vibrant international metropolis that is just, civilised, safe, affluent, enjoys the rule of law, compassionate, and well governed. But these words are easier said than done. In order to achieve that vision, I have derived or designed for myself and my team what I call a new governance style, new government roles, and a new fiscal philosophy. Having been in the job for one year, let me share with you a few concrete examples of what I mean by these three new things.

On the new governance style, for my team, when we first started off, I have to align our style to be one which is caring, willing to listen and determined to act. There is no point to care and to listen but not willing to act. Or in Chinese, it is called "è°è€ä,ä±° æ±°è€ä,ä±°èi€". So "action-oriented" sort of describes my Government in the first year of office.

At the same time, we adopt features of being innovative, interactive, and collaborative, because nowadays, especially in the public sector, issues are very complicated. There is no issue which is neatly and nicely within one bureau or one department. There are many cross-bureau and cross-departmental issues that we need to address and solve for the people of Hong Kong. Take for housing, housing is not just an issue for the Transport and Housing Bureau. Housing requires land, so I need to bring in the Development Bureau to work with the Transport and Housing Bureau to jointly address the housing issue in Hong Kong.

Take another example, we want to provide better care for young kids, normally within the age of 2 to 4, who are suffering from developmental delays or autism. And this is really a cross-bureau initiative between the Education Bureau, the Social Welfare Department and also the Health Department. And as a result of that, we rolled out a very encouraging programme to deliver services, that is early rehabilitation services, to kindergartens where these kids are, so that they can receive rehabilitation service at an early juncture. This is the result of three bureaus and several departments working in concert.

The second feature of my Government is new government roles. Many of you in the audience have heard and I said that for a long time now, that any government would have to perform the role of a public service provider, whether it is the education services, in medical services or in transport services. The government also has to be a regulator otherwise it will not be in order whether it is in the financial markets or in other services. But in a highly globalised and competitive environment, any government, any responsible government, will have to take on some additional roles. I have suggested and advocated that the Government should adopt two new roles. One is that of a facilitator, and the second is that of a promoter.

As far as government facilitation is concerned, for example, we now provide one-stop service for innovative projects that the project proponents are not sure where to go to get some government advice. Similarly, for innovation, we want more innovation in the Government, but where is that drive for policy innovation? So I have created a little unit called the Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office to provide the first-stop and one-stop service for innovative projects from the private sector and from the non-governmental organisations, so that we can take forward those projects within the Government. Similarly, in terms of facilitation such as in the building, lands and planning aspects, to facilitate the building process, we also need to do more facilitation.

I can go on and go on about the examples on where Government could perform a facilitating role in order to enhance our competitiveness, but it is in the role of promoter that I find it most gratifying. In my first year of office, I have made a total of 22 trips outside of Hong Kong, so about 20 per cent of my time as the Chief Executive was actually spent outside of Hong Kong, both in the Mainland – Beijing and other cities – as well as abroad. And I have attended four international conferences already by now, including the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, the Davos World Economic Forum, the Boao Asian Forum and the ESCAP of the United Nations. On every occasion, I promote Hong Kong, naturally, and talk about Hong Kong's unique advantages under "One Country, Two Systems", and also try to dispel any misperceptions about the relationship between this Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Central Government.

This promotion role is very satisfying, because normally it's not just going to talk. We could identify opportunities for collaboration, particularly in the area of innovation and technology because many people outside of Hong Kong will never associate Hong Kong with innovation and technology. Yes, Hong Kong is a very international financial centre, a very important business hub, a good place to visit, but science and technology seems to be quite far away from Hong Kong. One year down the road I have to say that we are now getting a little bit of reputation and have the aspiration and the ambition to become an international innovation and technology hub. Two weeks ago in Paris, we sealed off a co-operation arrangement with Institut Pasteur, which is a very famous research institute focusing on vaccines, and Institut Pasteur will collaborate with the Hong Kong University medical school to set up a centre in the Science Park as part of our critical mass or cluster on health technology for Hong Kong.

On the new fiscal philosophy, it is even more tangible, because it is talking about money. I have a very different concept about money, especially public money. I said that spending is not quite spending – you can regard it as investment. It does yield return. Building the HKUST is a great return for the community. Of course the money came mainly from the Hong Kong Jockey Club then, but it's a great return for this city and for our younger generation. So the first policy area that I spent was on education. I put in \$5 billion extra recurrent expenditure, now raised to \$7 billion recurrent expenditure, for education, all the way from kindergarten education to higher education, and with a bit of luck, I'll be able to get about \$11 billion capital



expenditure for the universities to build hostels. So keep up your lobbying, Professor Shyy Wei, with the Legislative Council Members so that I could get it before the summer recess and you can start to build your hostels in order to welcome more international students as well as to meet the needs of local students for hostel life.

And likewise, on the revenue side, revenue is to help us to sustain the Government's expenditure. But revenue, especially in tax, is also a very good instrument to achieve economic and social objectives. So, within the period of one year, we have introduced two tax concessions. One is to replace the flat rate 16.5 per cent for profits tax by a two-tier profits tax regime – for the first HK\$2 million profit we are charging only half of the 16.5 per cent, that is 8.25 per cent, which is very good for start-ups and SMEs in Hong Kong.

The second tax concession which is waiting for the Legislative Council to approve is tax deduction, a super tax deduction for private corporations' expenditure on R&D. For the first time in our tax history, we are giving super tax deduction, that is, we will give you a deduction more than you have actually spent. For the first \$2 million of R&D expenditure by corporations, we will give a 300 per cent tax deduction. Beyond the \$2 million, it will be a 200 per cent deduction and there is no upper limit to how much you will benefit under this tax concession.

On the economic side, we want to promote and develop the bond market. The Financial Secretary has introduced a couple of initiatives to give subsidy and grants to attract bond issuance to Hong Kong, especially green bond. We are going to provide some subsidy to defray the expenses to get certification from the HKQAA (Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency) Green Finance Certification Scheme.

These are some of the examples to demonstrate to you that when we said we have a new governance style and we want to play some new roles and practice a new fiscal philosophy. A lot of those ideas have been put into action in the last 12 months, and we will continue to do so in the remainder of our term because I am extremely confident and optimistic about Hong Kong. In fact, to be a senior executive or leader, whether in the public sector or in a corporation, you have to be very optimistic, you have to be very confident in order to lead your team. In a way I would describe my role also as a cheer leader. So I am going to show you a three-and-a-half-minute [video](#) that I have been using in overseas promotion to demonstrate that the best of Hong Kong is yet to come.

Thank you very much.



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## [CSD to hold Rehabilitation Division 20th Anniversary Open Day and Rehabilitation Pioneer Leaders Inauguration Ceremony](#)

The Rehabilitation Division 20th Anniversary Open Day and Rehabilitation Pioneer Leaders Inauguration Ceremony hosted by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) took place today (July 7) at its Staff Training Institute in Stanley. The event was officiated by the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee. Around 300 participants including representatives of different community parties and school teachers and students gave tribute to the Rehabilitation Division (RD) on her 20th anniversary as well as the inauguration of Rehabilitation Pioneer Leader (RPL), the first youth uniformed group established under CSD's Rehabilitation Pioneer Project (RPP) with their presence.

Since her establishment in 1998, RD has committed to mapping out long-term and timely development strategies for providing effective rehabilitation programmes. RD has also been promoting the message of supporting rehabilitation and preventing crimes by engaging community partners and launching a series of campaigns with a hope of refining the rehabilitation services. This year marks the 20th Anniversary of RD. Therefore, CSD imparted her missions and informed the general public of her development on the Open Day.

CSD has implemented RPP for 10 years since 2008 targeting at secondary school students and teenagers to disseminate the message of "abiding to the law, staying away from drug, and supporting rehabilitation" by various community education activities. Around 310 000 students from over 300 secondary schools have taken part in activities of RPP. RPL will carry the impact of RPP even further by recruiting and nurturing teenagers with great potential of leadership.

The recruitment of the first cohort of the RPLs targeting at Form Three students commenced at the end of last year. By referrals made by their respective schools, which have been participated in the RPP, 30 students were selected to form the current team. Mr Lee encouraged the newly appointed RPLs to stay firm with their commitment regardless of the obstacles ahead and exercise their leadership while engaging in the training. They are also encouraged to promote law-abiding values and support for rehabilitation. Appointment certificates were then presented to the Executive Directors and the leader of RPL, followed by the oath taking ceremony of the members of RPL by Mr Lee.

The event also featured a graffiti contest sponsored by New Life Charitable Foundation. The contest aimed to provide a platform on which the contestants, some of whom were young rehabilitated persons, could display their artistic talent and boost self-confidence. It was as well an occasion for promoting inclusive society by recognising the contestants' effort. The winning graffiti will be displayed along the outer wall of the Community Education Centre annexed to the Hong Kong Correctional Services Museum.

The newly furnished Community Education Centre was opened by Mr Lee. It has been established since 2002 and the refurbishment was concluded lately to showcase the merging ideas of correction and rehabilitation, which included the AR explication by providing a brand-new visual experience to show the harmful effect of drugs on youths.