

Mui Wo Temporary Public Fill Reception Facility to reopen

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Civil Engineering and Development Department today (June 9) announced that the Mui Wo Temporary Public Fill Reception Facility will be reopened at 8.30am.

Lifesaving services at Hap Mun Bay, Kiu Tsui and Trio beaches resume

Attention TV/Radio Announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 9) that the lifesaving services at Hap Mun Bay Beach, Kiu Tsui Beach and Trio Beach in Sai Kung District have been resumed. The lifesaving services at the three beaches were suspended earlier on as lifeguards were unable to get to the beaches by ferries due to the rough sea conditions.

Red flags hoisted at some beaches

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Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 9) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Pui O Beach and

Lower Cheung Sha Beach in Islands District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Territory-wide flag day today

Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited has been issued a Public Subscription Permit to hold a territory-wide flag sale from 7am to 12.30pm today (June 9), a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said.

For enquiries, please call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or the Charitable Fund-raising Control Team at 2832 4311 during office hours. Information on the flag days of the month is available at the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew/). Permits for flag days containing contact information of the flag-selling organisations and information on the approved flag-selling activities have also been uploaded to the SWD's website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_controlofc/sub_recentlyap/). For enquiries about the detailed flag-selling arrangements, please contact the individual flag-selling organisations.

Details of the charitable fund-raising activities covered by the Public Subscription Permit issued by the SWD have also been uploaded to the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/fundraising).

In the case of suspected fraudulent flag day activities, people should not make any donation and should immediately report the matter to the Police, the spokesman added.

Packed milk drink sample found to contain excessive Bacillus cereus

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (June 8) announced that a packed milk drink sample was found to contain excessive amount of Bacillus cereus, a pathogen. The CFS is following up on the case.

Details of the product are as follows:

Product name: Skimmed Hi-Calcium Milk Drink
Manufacturer: Nestlé Hong Kong Limited

Volume: 236 millilitre per pack
Use-by date: June 2, 2018

A CFS spokesman said, "The sample was collected from a supermarket in Kwun Tong for testing under the CFS' routine Food Surveillance Programme. The test result showed that the sample contained *Bacillus cereus* at a level of 4 600 000 per gram. Under the Microbiological Guidelines for Food, if ready-to-eat food contains *Bacillus cereus* at a level of more than 100 000 per gram, it is considered unsatisfactory."

The spokesman said that the CFS had informed the manufacturer and the vendor concerned of the test result. Investigation was conducted at the production plant and the supermarket concerned and follow-up samples were collected for further testing. Investigation is ongoing. The CFS had also provided health education on food safety and hygiene for the staff of the production plant and the supermarket and requested them to carry out thorough cleaning and disinfection.

According to Section 54 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap 132), all food available for sale in Hong Kong, locally produced or imported, should be fit for human consumption. An offender is subject to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.

Bacillus cereus is commonly found in the environment. Unhygienic conditions in food processing and storage may give rise to its growth. Consuming food contaminated with excessive *Bacillus cereus* may cause gastrointestinal upset such as vomiting and diarrhoea.

The CFS will alert the trade, continue to follow up on the incident and take appropriate action in order to safeguard public health and food safety.