

# Government announces latest situation of fresh food supply from Mainland

A Government spokesman announced today (May 25) that the supply of fresh food from the Mainland yesterday (May 24) was sufficient and stable.

According to the latest information, the quantity of vegetables supplied from the Mainland to Hong Kong yesterday (as of midnight) by land and water transportation was over 2 600 tonnes, comparable to the average daily supply from the Mainland on a normal day. The volume of vegetables sold through the wholesale markets of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Vegetable Marketing Organization was over 894 tonnes. The average wholesale prices of choi sum and pak choi stood at \$6.0 and \$5.9 per catty respectively yesterday, comparable to their average daily wholesale prices last year. The supply of eggs to the wholesale market remained steady, with the average daily supply standing at about 3.5 million for the past week, comparable to the average daily supply on a normal day last year.

The total supply of chilled meat from the Mainland yesterday was about 43 tonnes. The supply of live pigs was plentiful.

The supply of chilled poultry from the Mainland was over 150 000 head yesterday, and over 8 000 live chickens were slaughtered locally. The supply was abundant.

Regarding the rice supply, in compliance with the requirement by the Government, stockholders of rice have to maintain the reserve stock of rice at a level sufficient for consumption by the local population for 15 days. The trade generally stocks double the required amount, which is sufficient for one month's consumption by Hong Kong citizens. In recent years, the import and consumption of rice in Hong Kong has stood at a steady level of around 320 000 to 330 000 tonnes per year. The import quantity (including reserve stock) as of end-April 2022 was 28 800 tonnes. Suppliers also maintain a reserve for food that can be stored, such as frozen meat, for around three months' stock generally.

The Government will continue to maintain close liaison with the Mainland authorities and major food suppliers to ensure a stable food supply.

The AFCD updates and publishes the fresh food supply information daily. Members of the public may visit the AFCD website for updates on daily supplies and wholesale prices of fresh food ([www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr\\_fresh/agr\\_fresh.html](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr_fresh/agr_fresh.html)).

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## Labour Department to hold occupational health public talks

The Labour Department (LD) will hold a public talk entitled "Prevention of Lower Limb Disorders and Guidance Notes on Standing at Work" on June 1 (Wednesday) at 3.30pm. The talk will introduce symptoms of common lower limb disorders such as plantar fasciitis, varicose veins and osteoarthritis of the knee, as well as their treatment and preventive measures. Participants will also be briefed on the content of the LD's publication "Guidance Notes on Standing at Work and Service Counter Design". The talk will be given by the LD's occupational hygienist and occupational health nurse. Demonstrations and practice of workplace exercises will also be included.

The LD will hold another talk, entitled "Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) for Confined Space Workers", on June 9 (Thursday) at 6.30pm. To enhance workers' OSH awareness in confined spaces, the talk will explain the related OSH hazards as well as their preventive measures. The talk will be given by the LD's occupational hygienist, occupational safety officer and occupational health nurse.

Both talks will be conducted in Cantonese at the Lecture Theatre of the Hong Kong Central Library, 66 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay. Admission is free but pre-registration is required. Interested participants can register online ([www.oshsreg.gov.hk](http://www.oshsreg.gov.hk)). On-site registration is not available. Infection control measures taking into account the latest epidemic developments will be adopted at the venue. For enquiries, please call 2852 4040.

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## Firing practice for June 2022

Firing practice will take place at two military sites, namely the San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range and the Tsing Shan Firing Range, next month (June).

Red flags or red lamps will be hoisted at the firing areas before and during firing practice. For their safety, people are advised not to enter the firing area.

Following are the dates and times for the firing practice sessions in June 2022:

San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range

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Date	Time
June 1 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 2 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 4 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
June 6 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 7 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 8 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 9 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 10 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 11 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
June 13 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 14 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 15 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 16 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 17 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 18 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
June 20 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 21 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 22 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 23 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
June 24 (Friday)	8am-9pm
June 25 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
June 27 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 28 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
June 29 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
June 30 (Thursday)	8am-9pm

Tsing Shan Firing Range

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June 1 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
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## **Government finishes exercise on “restriction-testing declaration” in respect of specified “restricted area” in Block L, Sunshine City, Ma On Shan, and enforcement operation for breaches of compulsory testing notice**

The Government yesterday (May 24) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" effective from 6pm yesterday, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Ma On Shan (i.e. Block L, Sunshine City, Ma On Shan, excluding levels below the podium) were required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing were required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the "restricted area" had undergone testing and the test results were mostly ascertained. All persons in the "restricted area" who have tested positive in the past 14 days,

including positive cases identified either by nucleic acid tests recorded by the Department of Health (DH) or by rapid antigen tests that have been self-declared to the DH, were not required to undergo testing in this compulsory testing exercise.

In addition, the Government issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday, requiring persons, other than those specified above, who had been present at the above building for more than two hours from May 18 to May 24, 2022, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, to undergo compulsory testing on or before May 26, 2022.

The Government finished the compulsory testing exercise at around 8.15am today (May 25) and carried out enforcement action in the "restricted area" afterwards to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone compulsory testing in accordance with the requirements of the relevant declaration and compulsory testing notice. The Government announced that the enforcement operation ended at around 9.30am today.

The Government provided food packs for persons subject to compulsory testing to facilitate their meal arrangements. Anti-epidemic proprietary Chinese medicines donated by the Central People's Government or procured with the co-ordination of the Central People's Government and rapid antigen test kits were also distributed to persons subject to compulsory testing to help them fight against the virus. The Lands Department set up a hotline for people restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance.

The Government thanks persons subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding. With everyone's co-operation and efforts, coupled with the efforts of the testing contractors throughout the night, residents have been informed about their testing results by SMS notification. After finishing the compulsory testing exercise at around 8.15am today, the Government took enforcement action in the "restricted area" immediately to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone testing according to the requirements of the declaration and the compulsory testing notice. Persons who could present an SMS notification containing a negative testing result as proof of having undergone the compulsory testing could leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer. The enforcement operation was completed at around 9.30am. Test records of 193 persons subject to compulsory testing were checked. One person was found not having undergone compulsory testing and a compulsory testing order was issued to her. Taking into account the above situation, the Secretary for Food and Health revoked the "restriction-testing declaration" in accordance with Cap. 599J (see attachment).

The Government reminds the 66 households who have not answered the door to undergo a nucleic acid test as soon as possible after reading the notices put up by the Government, in the hope of eliminating the possible risk of further spread of the virus in the community.

The Government thanks all participating government staff and the testing

agencies for their hard work. The Government is also grateful to those subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding, and their full co-operation during this period in undergoing testing and waiting for the results at home.

The Government will seriously follow up on the compliance situation of the compulsory testing notices and the "restriction-testing declaration" by persons subject to compulsory testing. Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notices commits an offence and may be liable to a fixed penalty of \$10,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order or the "restriction-testing declaration" is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of level 5 (\$50,000) and imprisonment for six months.

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## **Red flags hoisted at Shek O Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach**

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (May 25) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Shek O Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.