

Extension of operating hours for fresh produce imported via Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge from July 1

A spokesman for the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department said today (June 17) that the operating hours for fresh produce imported via the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) will be extended with effect from July 1 (Monday) to further facilitate the trade and supply of fresh food.

Having discussed with Mainland authorities and the trade, the CFS decided to extend the operating hours from the existing eight hours to 16 hours (i.e. from 1pm to 5am the next day) for fresh produce to be imported through the HZMB into Hong Kong, with effect from July 1. Vehicles carrying frozen and chilled poultry, meat and game, eggs, milk, fresh aquatic products, vegetables and fruits by land from the Mainland may choose to enter Hong Kong via the HZMB during the abovementioned period for inspection by CFS staff.

The inspection procedures by the CFS at the Hong Kong Port of the HZMB will be similar to those for vehicles importing fresh produce via the Man Kam To Boundary Control Point, including examining details of import documents, conducting physical inspections and sampling of fresh food for testing.

The spokesman stressed that the operating hours and arrangements of goods vehicles carrying fresh produce and live food animals entering Hong Kong via the Man Kam To Boundary Control Point have not changed.