

FEHD and C&ED raid fresh provision shops suspected of selling chilled meat as fresh meat (with photo)

In a joint blitz operation today (January 29), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) raided fresh provision shops (FPSs) at Chun Yeung Street, North Point, suspected of selling of chilled meat as fresh meat.

During the operation, FEHD officers marked and sealed about 520 kilograms of suspected chilled pork in two FPSs for further investigation. The investigation against the licensees of four FPSs for suspected violation of the Food Business Regulation is still ongoing. Prosecution action will be taken out if sufficient evidence is collected. In addition, FEHD officers have issued verbal warnings to five licensed FPSs for non-compliance of the relevant licensing conditions.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "Anyone selling chilled meat without permission commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and six months' imprisonment on conviction. The department will continue to closely monitor the sale of fresh meat at retail level and take stringent enforcement action to safeguard food safety and public health. Moreover, if FPSs are found in breach of licensing condition for sale of chilled meat as fresh meat, the department will consider cancellation of the relevant FPS's licence."

