

[FEHD appeals to public not to patronise unlicensed food business \(with photos\)](#)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) raided an unlicensed food factory in Causeway Bay during a blitz operation today (March 19). A spokesman for the FEHD appealed to the public not to patronise unlicensed food business.

Acting on intelligence collected, the FEHD raided an upper floor unit on Lee Garden Road, Causeway Bay, today, which was suspected to be used as an unlicensed food factory. The operation has successfully smashed an unlicensed food factory suspected of selling lunch boxes through distribution of promotional leaflets and receiving orders of lunch boxes by phone. The FEHD arrested one person and initiated procedures on prosecution for suspected operation of a food factory without a licence, and disposed of about 50 kilograms of food (including lunch boxes ready for delivery).

"When ordering food through the Internet or phone, members of the public should make sure that the food is prepared by licensed food premises to safeguard food safety and hygiene. Licensed food premises are required to exhibit a sign, at a conspicuous place near the main entrance, indicating that the premises have been licensed. Licensed food premises providing food delivery services shall provide the licence information legibly on the printed promotional materials for the knowledge of the public. A list of licensed food premises is available on the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/list_licensed_premises.html)," a spokesman for the FEHD said.

The FEHD will continue to take stringent enforcement action against unlicensed food business to safeguard food safety and public health. Under the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X), anyone operating a food factory without a licence commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.

Members of the public can report any suspected illegal food business activities by calling the FEHD hotline 2868 0000.

