FEHD raids fresh provision shop for selling frozen meat as fresh meat (with photo)

In a blitz operation today (February 2), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) raided a fresh provision shop (FPS) at Maritime Market, Tsing Yi, for the suspected selling of frozen meat as fresh meat.

During the operation, FEHD officers marked and sealed about 130 kilograms of suspected frozen beef in the FPS for further investigation. The investigation against the FPS for suspected violation of the Food Business Regulation is still ongoing. Prosecution will be taken out if sufficient evidence is collected. In addition, FEHD officers have issued a verbal warning to the FPS for non-compliance of a relevant licensing condition.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "Anyone selling frozen 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 the retail level and take stringent enforcement action to safeguard food safety and public health. Moreover, if a FPS is found in breach of a licensing condition for the sale of frozen meat as fresh meat, the department will consider cancellation of the relevant FPS's licence."