

## FEHD raids fresh provision shops suspected of selling chilled meat as fresh meat (with photo)

In a blitz operation today (September 13), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) raided licensed fresh provision shops (FPSs) at Yau San Street, Yuen Long, suspected of selling chilled meat as fresh meat.

FEHD officers marked and sealed about 60 kilograms of suspected chilled pork at a licensed FPS for further investigation. One pork sample was also collected for testing of preservatives. Prosecution will be initiated if sufficient evidence is collected. During the operation, FEHD officers also issued verbal warnings to the licensees of two FPSs for non-compliance with the relevant licensing condition.

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 the retail level and take stringent enforcement action to safeguard food safety and public health. Moreover, if FPSs are found in breach of the licensing condition for the sale of chilled meat as fresh meat, the department will consider cancellation of the relevant FPS's licence."

