

Man sentenced for failing to comply with requirement to undergo specified test under compulsory testing notice

A 67-year-old male was fined \$10,500 by the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today (July 26) for violating the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J).

The man, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, failed to comply with the requirement to undergo the specified COVID-19 test as stipulated in the compulsory testing notice issued on May 7, 2021. He was charged with contravening section 13(1) of the Regulation and was fined \$10,500 by the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts today.

Failing to comply with the specified testing requirements under the compulsory testing notices is a criminal offence and offenders are subject to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months. A spokesman for the Department of Health said the sentence sends a clear message to the community that the Government will not tolerate such violations, and solemnly reminded the public to comply with the regulations. The spokesman reiterated that resolute actions will be taken against anyone who has breached the relevant regulations.