

Seven persons sentenced for violating Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation

Seven persons were each fined \$6,000 by the Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts on December 8 for violating the Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation (Cap. 599D).

During the epidemiological investigation of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health (DH) in May, the seven persons, comprising five women and two men aged 29 to 46, provided false information to authorised officers about their presence at a food factory in Kwun Tong. They were charged with contravening section 3(4) of Cap. 599D and were each fined \$6,000 by the Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts on December 8.

Under Cap. 599D, it is a criminal offence for any person to provide false or misleading information to authorised officers. Offenders face a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for six months.

A spokesman for the DH said that it is a grossly irresponsible act to conceal or provide false or misleading information to an authorised officer, as this may hinder the contact tracing process and pose a serious threat to public health. The spokesman reiterated that resolute actions will be taken against anyone who has breached the relevant regulations.