

LegCo Panel on Transport visits demonstration of functions of eTraffic Ticket Platform (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Transport observed the demonstration of functions of eTraffic Ticket Platform at the Police Headquarters today (June 24) to learn more about the new measures and workflow of the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police) in serving fixed penalty notices (FPNs) and demand notices (DNs) by electronic means.

Members first received a briefing by representatives of the Police on the progress and preparatory work for the electronic traffic enforcement as well as the operation of the eTraffic Ticket Platform website and mobile application. Members noted that the eTraffic Ticket Platform website and mobile application can provide one-stop services for members of the public and facilitate vehicle owners and drivers to check electronic FPNs and DN information anytime and anywhere, and settle penalties by means of electronic payment.

Members then observed the demonstration of electronic traffic enforcement workflows, including serving electronic FPNs and DN through SMS or email to the offending vehicle owner or driver. They also gained insight of the information contained therein such as the vehicle registration mark of the vehicle involved, nature of the offence committed and the date, time and location of the contravention.

Following the passage of the Electronic Traffic Enforcement (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2023 by LegCo on June 19 this year, the Government targets to gradually implement the electronic FPNs in 2025 and roll out different functions of eTraffic Ticket Platform by phases. During the visit, Members took the opportunity to exchange views with representatives of the Police in enhancing the overall efficiency of traffic enforcement through the application of technology and facilitating the Smart Mobility initiatives.

Members who participated in the visit were the Chairman of the Panel on Transport, Dr Chan Han-pan, and Panel members Mr Frankie Yick, Mr Kenneth Lau; as well as a non-Panel member Ms Judy Chan.



Nitrofurans metabolite found in prepackaged frozen shrimp sample

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (June 24) announced that a trace amount of metabolite (AOZ) of furazolidone (a type of nitrofurans), a non-permitted veterinary drug, was found in a sample of prepackaged frozen shrimp. Members of the public should not consume the affected batch of the product. The trade should also stop using or selling the affected batch of the product immediately if they possess it. The CFS is following up on the case.

Product details are as follows:

Product name: (Not available in English)
Place of origin: Vietnam
Packer: Cheung Kee Sea Products (Hong Kong) Ltd.
Net weight: 250 grams
Best-before date: December 30, 2025

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The CFS collected the shrimp sample from an online shop for testing under its routine Food Surveillance Programme. The test result showed that it contained AOZ at a level of 9.2 parts per

billion."

"The CFS has informed the vendor concerned of the irregularity and instructed it to stop sale and remove from shelves the affected batch of the product. According to the CFS's instructions, the packer has initiated a recall on the affected batch of the product. Members of the public may call its hotline at 2858 9262 during office hours for enquiries about the recall of the product concerned," the spokesman added.

The CFS will alert the Vietnamese authorities and the trade, and will continue to follow up on the incident and take appropriate action. An investigation is ongoing.

[LegCo to consider Extension of Government Leases Bill](#)

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The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting on Wednesday (June 26) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, the Second Reading debates on the Extension of Government Leases Bill, Marine Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Bill, Shipping Legislation (Electronic Certificates and Electronic Documents) (Amendment) Bill 2024 and Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions for Intellectual Property Income) Bill 2024 will resume. If the Bills are supported by Members and receive their Second Reading, they will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bills and their reports are adopted by the Council, the Bills will be set down for the Third Reading.

On Members' motions, Mr Chan Chun-ying will move a motion on enacting dedicated laws and regulations to regulate greenwashing. The motion is set out in Appendix 1. Mr Luk Chung-hung and Dr Hoey Simon Lee will move separate amendments to Mr Chan Chun-ying's motion.

Mr Martin Liao will move a motion on establishing sound industry and supply chains and related services and developing Hong Kong into a multinational supply chain management centre. The motion is set out in Appendix 2. Dr Johnny Ng, Dr Kennedy Wong, Dr Wendy Hong and Dr Hoey Simon Lee will move separate amendments to Mr Martin Liao's motion.

Members will also ask the Government 22 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website

(www.legco.gov.hk). Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meeting at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.

Public urged to strengthen anti-mosquito efforts

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (June 24) announced that the monthly gravidtrap index for *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes in May was 13 per cent, at Level 2, indicating that the distribution of *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes in the areas surveyed was fairly extensive. Relevant government departments have stepped up mosquito prevention and control actions.

In May, among the 64 survey areas, the area gravidtrap index in 10 areas exceeded the alert level of 20 per cent. The gravidtraps were mostly located in the vicinity of private residential areas, public housing estates, schools, recreational and sports facilities and public places. The FEHD has collaborated with relevant government departments by taking immediate action to strengthen mosquito prevention and control work in the area concerned.

Moreover, the monthly density index for *Aedes albopictus* in May was 1.3, which represented that an average of 1.3 *Aedes albopictus* adults were found in the *Aedes*-positive gravidtraps, indicating that the number of adult *Aedes albopictus* was not abundant in the survey areas. The gravidtrap and density indices for *Aedes albopictus* in different survey areas as well as information on mosquito prevention and control measures are available on the department website at www.fehd.gov.hk.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "There is a significant relationship between local mosquito infestation and seasonal changes. The gravidtrap indices in various survey areas would be relatively higher during hot and rainy spring and summer months (i.e. from May to September) as mosquitoes breed quickly. Members of the public are reminded to continue the routine mosquito prevention and control work, especially the repair and maintenance of structures. Cracks and dents which may accumulate water and become potential breeding grounds should be filled and levelled to reduce the chance of mosquito breeding.

"The Government is concerned about the mosquito infestation in May. The increase in the monthly gravidtrap index for *Aedes albopictus* for May might be related to the continuously hot and rainy days in the month. The interdepartmental Pest Control Steering Committee held a meeting on June 3 to review the latest situation of mosquito infestation and the anti-mosquito work taken by departments. The FEHD has continued to intensify the mosquito

prevention and control work with relevant government departments in areas under their purview, including eliminating mosquito breeding places, applying larvicides, conducting fogging operations to eradicate adult mosquitoes, and placing mosquito trapping devices at suitable locations. The FEHD has also conducted site inspections with relevant departments, and provided them with professional advice and technical support to assist them in formulating and implementing effective anti-mosquito measures swiftly. At the same time, the FEHD has strengthened publicity and education. The FEHD will continue to monitor the mosquito infestation in all districts, and will conduct prompt and effective mosquito prevention and control work," the spokesman continued.

In view of the second local dengue fever (DF) case reported recently, the FEHD has immediately conducted surveys of mosquito infestation and has carried out additional targeted mosquito prevention and control work (including conducting fogging operations, applying larvicides and placing mosquito trapping devices) in areas within a 250-metre radius of the residence and workplace of the patient, as well as places the patient had visited during the incubation and infectious period. The FEHD has also stepped up inspections and taken enforcement actions where necessary.

The FEHD will conduct a three-phase Anti-mosquito Campaign this year. The second phase of the territory-wide campaign was launched on April 15 and ended on June 16. During the period, the district offices of the FEHD will target areas that have drawn particular concern, such as public markets, cooked food centres and hawker bazaars, single-block buildings, streets and back lanes, common parts of buildings, village houses, construction sites, vacant sites and road works sites, to remove accumulated water and carry out mosquito prevention and control work. After the second phase of the campaign, the FEHD has conducted territory-wide thematic special operations on mosquito prevention and control, such as strengthening mosquito control at individual construction sites, for three weeks starting from June 24. To further enhance the effectiveness of mosquito control, the FEHD and relevant government departments have carried out the second phase of the All-out Anti-mosquito Operations since May 2 to focus on eliminating potential mosquito breeding places, and called on property managements to arrange necessary repairs to their premises to minimise mosquito breeding places. Furthermore, intense adult control has been conducted by means of regular ultra-low volume fogging operations after the onset of the rainy season.

The FEHD appeals to members of the public to work together to carry out mosquito prevention and control measures early, including inspecting their homes and surroundings to remove potential breeding grounds, changing water in vases and scrubbing their inner surfaces, removing water in saucers under potted plants at least once a week, properly disposing of containers such as soft drink cans and lunch boxes, and drilling large holes in unused tyres. The FEHD also advises members of the public and estate management bodies to keep drains free of blockage and level all defective ground surfaces to prevent the accumulation of water. They should also scrub all drains and surface sewers with an alkaline detergent at least once a week to remove any mosquito eggs.

â€‹Aedes albopictus is a kind of mosquito that can transmit DF. DF is

commonly found in tropical and subtropical regions of the world, and has become endemic in many countries in Southeast Asia. Based on the latest surveillance data from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health, there has been an increase in DF cases in some places in Asia thus far, compared with the corresponding period of last year. The Americas (including Brazil, Argentina and Peru) have even recorded over 8 million cases, which is a record number, since the beginning of 2024. The dengue activity in neighbouring areas is high and Hong Kong has recorded 28 imported DF cases and two local DF cases so far this year. Members of the public should carry out effective mosquito prevention and control measures proactively.

DSJ departs for Xinjiang to attend 8th China-Eurasia Expo

The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, will depart for Urumqi, Xinjiang, tomorrow (June 25) to attend the 8th China-Eurasia Expo on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government.

Mr Cheung said that, with the Belt and Road Initiative entering its second decade, Hong Kong's participation in the Expo under the country's support fully demonstrates that Hong Kong, as the only common law jurisdiction within the country, can contribute to the development of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Mr Cheung will return to Hong Kong on June 26.