

## Unlicensed food factory raided in Yuen Long (with photo)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), jointly with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), raided an unlicensed food factory in Tin Sam Village, Yuen Long, this morning (January 25).

A 74-year-old man was arrested and will be charged with keeping livestock without a licence and operating an unlicensed food factory (for dressing quails), which are in contravention of Section 3 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation (Cap 139L) and Section 31(1) of the Food Business Regulation (Cap 132X).

During the operation, FEHD and AFCD officers seized 11kg of dressed quails, 2577 live quails, 2933 quail eggs and three hatchers.

Under the Food Business Regulation (Cap 132X), anyone operating an unlicensed food factory commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.

"The FEHD will continue to take stringent enforcement action against unlicensed food factory activities," a spokesman for the FEHD said.

"Members of the public can report any suspected unlicensed food factory activities by calling the FEHD hotline 2868 0000."

