

PUBLIC HEALTH (ANIMALS AND BIRDS)(CHEMICAL RESIDUES) REGULATION
(abbreviated as “the Regulation” hereafter)

HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2001
(abbreviated as “the Amendment Regulation” hereafter)

RETAILERS OF FOOD ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS
INFORMATION SHEET¹

In order to help avoid any contravention of the above Regulations, retailers of food animals and the related products should , as a minimum, observe the following suggested actions :

Operation Aspects	Relevant Sections (see Annex for details)	Suggested Actions²
Purchasing/ Importation of Food Animals	S3(2) of the Regulation Keeping food animals containing prohibited chemicals S5(2) of the Regulation Supplying food animals containing agricultural and veterinary chemicals in excess of MRLs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should only procure poultry from reputable importers and wholesalers, etc. • Should only purchase poultry from food animal traders or farmers with good track record with respect to prohibited chemicals and maximum residue limits • Should keep receipts of all procurements

¹ This information sheet is not legal document and only suggests actions for reference of retailers food animals and related products with respect to the Regulation and the Amendment Regulation

² In case of doubts about the suggested actions, should consult the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department [Mr Y K Fan at 2867 5568]

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should not have in his possession or under his control prohibited chemical, or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals
Purchasing/ Importation of Food Animal Products	<p>Reg 3 of the Amendment Regulation Prohibition of import and sale of food containing certain substances in excessive concentrations</p> <p>Reg 3A of the Amendment Regulation Prohibition of sale of fish, meat and milk containing prohibited chemicals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should only procure meat from licensed slaughterhouses, reputable importers and wholesalers, etc. • Should only purchase meat from food animal traders or farmers with good track record with respect to prohibited chemicals and maximum residue limits • Should keep receipts of all procurements • Should request the wholesalers/ importers to provide a photocopy of the health certificate accompanying the meat consignment and keep it as a proof of source and fitness for human consumption • Should only import meat from sources approved by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in accordance with the Imported Game, Meat and Poultry Regulations, Cap. 132 • Should ensure that each consignment of meat must be accompanied with health certificate

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		issued by the health authority recognized by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. The health certificate should certify that the meat is fit for human consumption

ANNEX

Section	Details of relevant sections of the Regulation
S3(2) of the Regulation	Subject to section 17(6), a food animal trader who knowingly and wilfully keeps any food animal which contains any prohibited chemical commits an offence.
S5(2) of the Regulation	A food animal trader who knowingly and wilfully supplies to or keeps in any slaughterhouse or retail or wholesale market any food animal the tissue of which contains any agricultural and veterinary chemical in excess of the maximum residue limit commits an offence.
Reg.3 of the Amendment Regulation	No person shall import, consign, deliver, manufacture or sell for human consumption, any food of a description specified in Column D of the First Schedule which contains any substance specified opposite thereto in Column B, or the description of such substance in Column C, in greater concentration than is specified opposite thereto in Column E". In other words, the food should not contain chemical substances (the 37 agricultural and veterinary chemicals under the Regulation) exceeding the specified maximum concentration in First Schedule
Reg 3A of the Amendment Regulation	No person shall sell, consign or deliver for sale for human consumption any fish, meat or milk which contains any substance specified in the Second Schedule". The prohibited substances in Second Schedule are the same as the seven prohibited chemicals under the Regulation.