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Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Chemical Residues) Regulation – Table of Offence Provisions

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(1)	Person targeted at (i)	Other ingredients of provision (ii)	Description of animal/ milk/ fodder/ chemicals (iii)	(3)	(4)	(5)
s3(1)- An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(1)(a)]		Keeps FA	FA contains p chemicals	No offence if he proves that the p chemical has been administered to the food animal in accordance with a prescription given by a	that he did not know and had no reason to	suspect was a farmer, the FA contained p chemical and the farmer was keeping the FA at the material time

farmer = food animal farmer trader = food animal trader

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av chemicals = agricultural and veterinary chemicals p chemicals = prohibited chemicals

N/A = not applicable MRL = maximum residue limit Level 3 = \$10,000 Level 5 = \$50,000 Level 6 = \$100,000

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s3(2) - An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(2)(a)]		Knowingly and wilfully keeps	FA contains p chemicals	s17(6): No offence if he proves that the p chemical has been administered to the food animal in accordance with a prescription given by a registered veterinary surgeon		 Evidence must show that the suspect was a trader, the animal contained p chemical and the trader was keeping the food animal at the material time Trader cannot be prosecuted if he did not have the knowledge and wilfulness of keeping FA that contained p chemicals – e.g. transporter transporting FA to legitimate slaughterhouse cannot be prosecuted unless evidence was available to show his knowledge of contamination of the FA transported by him
s5(1)- An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(1)(a)]		Supplies (a) to trader for human consumption; (b) slaughterhouse; or (c) retail or wholesale market.	FA whose tissues contains av chemicals exceeding MRL (For details of MRL - see s.4 & sch 2 & 3)	N/A	s17(4) Defence: defendant to prove that he did not know and had no reason to suspect the existence of the circumstances giving rise to the contravention.	MRL for one or more chemicals at the material time > Evidence must show that the

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s5(2) – An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(2)(a)]	[e.g. FA transporter, importer, wholesaler or	\mathcal{E} 3	FA whose tissues contains av chemicals exceeding MRL	N/A	N/A	 Evidence must show that the suspect was a trader, and the tissues of FA exceeded MRL for one or more chemicals at the material time Evidence must show that the trader supplied or kept in any slaughterhouse or market such FA at the material time Trader cannot be prosecuted if he did not have the knowledge and wilfulness of supplying FA to or keeping FA in any slaughterhouse or retail/ wholesale market the tissue of which contained chemicals exceeding MRL – e.g. transporter transporting FA to a legitimate slaughterhouse could not be prosecuted unless evidence was available to show his knowledge of MRL exceedance of the av chemicals contained in FA which was transported by him

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s6 – An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(1)(a)]	Farmer	Supplies to or from or keeps in any licensed dairies milk		N/A	s17(4) Defence: defendant to prove that he did not know and had no reason to suspect the existence of the circumstances giving rise to the contravention.	exceeding MRL at the material time Evidence must show that the milk was derived from FA
s7(1) – Contravention of the requirement is an offence with a level 5 penalty [see s17(1)(b)-]	Farmer	required in Schedule 4	Specified FA [i.e. pigs, cattle and goats] but not identified in accordance with Schedule 4	N/A	N/A	 Evidence must show that the FA was a specified FA, the suspect was a farmer, the farmer failed to label, mark or otherwise identify specified FA in accordance with Schedule 4 Evidence must show that the FA has been supplied for human consumption

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s7(2) - Contravention of the prohibition is an offence with a level 5 penalty [see s17(3)(a)-]	[could be a trader (e.g. FA	C	Specified FA not identified in accordance with Schedule 4	N/A	N/A	 Evidence must show that the FA was a specified FA and the specified FA was not properly identified in accordance with Schedule 4 Evidence must show that specified FA had been brought into slaughterhouse or wholesale market by the person concerned
s7(3)- An offence with a level 5 penalty [see s17(3)(c)]	[could be a farmer, trader (e.g. FA transporter, importer or wholesaler) or			N/A	N/A	➤ Evidence must show that the specified FA was identified with false letters, marks, numbers, etc. ➤ Evidence must show - for s.7(3)(a), that the suspect marked, labeled or otherwise identified the specified FA with false letters, marks, numbers, etc. which he knows to be false; - for s.7(3)(b) that the suspect procured, etc that the specified FA to be falsely marked, labeled or otherwise identified

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(1)	Person targeted at (i)		Description of animal/ milk/ fodder/ chemicals (iii)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
s8 – Contravention of the prohibition is an offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(3)(b)]	[could be a trader (e.g. FA transporter, importer or wholesaler) or	be brought into HK without valid certificate and (in the	 (a) FA not accompanied by valid certificate issued by competent veterinary authority certifying that there is no reason to suspect ➤ the FA of containing p chemicals (cf.3(1)); and ➤ the FA's tissues of containing av chemicals exceeding MRL (cf.5(1)) (b)In case of specified FA, identified in accordance with Schedule 4 	N/A	N/A	Evidence must show that imported FA was not accompanied by a valid health certificate as required or not properly identified	

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(1)	Person targeted at (i)	Other ingredients of provision (ii)	Description of animal/ milk/ fodder/ chemicals (iii)	(3)	(4)	(5)
s9(1) - Director's order to suspend supply of food animals Farmer contravening the order commits an offence - with a level 6 penalty [see s17(1)(c)] Trader contravening the order commits an offence - with a level 6 penalty [see s17(2)(b)]	(e.g. FA transporter, importer, wholesaler or retailer)	* *	Based on reports or information from Public Analyst (i.e. Government Chemist) or other sources, FA suspected of containing p chemicals (cf.3(1)); or the FA's tissues suspected of containing av chemicals exceeding MRL (cf.5(1))		N/A	 Director must serve the suspension order in writing and state the reason on it Evidence must show that the farmer or trader against whom the order was made had knowledge of the order but did not follow it

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s9(3) - Director's order to suspend supply of FA containing other dangerous substances Farmer contravening the order commits an offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(1)(c)] Trader contravening the order commits an offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(2)(b)]	transporter, importer, wholesaler or retailer)	contravention of a	FA that is suspected of containing substance (not being p chemicals or av chemical) that is likely to endanger FA or the health of any person	N/A	N/A	 Director must serve the suspension order in writing and state the reason on it Evidence must show that the farmer or trader against whom the order was made had knowledge of the suspension order but did not follow it

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s10(1) - Director's order to withdraw and retrieve FA s10(2) - Director's direction on disposal of FA withdrawn or retrieved Farmer contravening the order or direction commits an offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(1)(c)] Trader contravening the order or the direction commits an offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(2)(b)]	transporter, importer, wholesaler or retailers)	supplied FA and failed		N/A	N/A	➤ The recall order must be preceded by a suspension order under s9 ➤ Evidence must show that the farmer or trader against whom the order was made had knowledge of the recall order or direction but did not follow it

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s11(1) – An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(1)(a)]	Farmer	Has in his possession or under his control	p chemical		defendant to prove that he did not know and had no reason to suspect the existence of the circumstances giving rise to the contravention.	material time

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s11(2)- An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(1)(a)]	Farmer	Has in his possession or under his control	Fodder containing or mixed with p chemicals	s17(8) No offence if the p chemical is mixed with fodder or contained therein in accordance with a prescription given by a registered veterinary surgeon	to prove that he did not know and had no	control fodder containing or mixed with any p chemical at the material time
s11(3) – An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(2)(a)]	Trader (e.g. FA transporter, importer, wholesaler or retailer)	Knowingly and wilfully has in his possession or under his control	p chemical	s17(7) same as s11(1) above	N/A	Evidence must show that the suspect was a trader and he possessed or had under his control p chemical at the material time
s11(4)- An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(2)(a)]	Trader (e.g. FA transporter, importer, wholesaler or retailer)	Knowingly and wilfully has in his possession or under his control	Fodder containing or mixed with p chemicals	s17(8) No offence if the p chemical is mixed with fodder or contained therein in accordance with a prescription given by a registered veterinary surgeon		Evidence must show that the suspect was a trader and he possessed or had under his control fodder containing/ mixed with p chemical at the material time

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(1)	Person targeted at (i)		Description of animal/ milk/ fodder/ chemicals (iii)	(3)	(4)	(5)
s12(1) – An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(3)(d)]	Any person [could be a fodder transporter/ supplier ,farmer or trader (e.g. FA importer, wholesaler or retailer)]	Supplies or offers to supply to a person whom he knows or has reason to believe is a farmer or trader	p chemical	s17(7) (see s11(1) above)	s17(5)(a) Defence: defendant to prove that he did not know and had no reason to suspect that the article he supplied or offerd to supply was a p chemical	had reason to believe was a farmer or trader and that person was such at the material time
s12(2) – An offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(3)(d)]	Any person [could be a fodder transporter/ supplier or trader (e.g. FA transporter, importer, wholesaler or retailer)]	Supplies or offers to supply to a person whom he knows or has reason to believe is a food animal farmer or trader	Fodder containing or mixed with p chemical	N/A	s17(5)(b) Defence: defendant to prove that he did not know and had no reason to suspect that the fodder he supplied or offered to supply contained or was mixed with a p chemical	person whom he knew or had reason to believe was a farmer or trader and that the person was such at the material time

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s13(1) – Contravention of the prohibition is an offence with a level 5 penalty [see s17(3)(a)]	Any person [could be a fodder transporter/ supplier or trader(e.g. transporter, importer, wholesaler or retailer)]	Supplies or offers to supply	Fodder containing or mixed with av chemical but without information as required in s13(2)	N/A	N/A	Evidence must show that fodder supplied or offered to supply or was mixed with av chemical
s13(3) – An offence with a level 5 penalty [see s17(3)(c)]	Any person [could be a fodder transporter/ supplier or trader (e.g. transporter, importer, wholesaler or retailer)]	In purported compliance with s.13(1), provides information as required in s 13(2) that is incorrect, false or misleading in a material particular and knows it to be such	Fodder containing or mixed with av chemical with incorrect, false or misleading information	N/A	N/A	Evidence must show that in compliance with section 13(1) defendant supplied false/ incorrect/ misleading information in material particular and that he knew it to be so

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s14(1) - Director's order to suspend supply of fodder Contravention of the order is an offence with a level 6 penalty [see s17(3)(e)]	Any person [could be fodder transporter/ supplier or any other person]	contravention of a	Fodder that is suspected of containing – (i) p chemicals; (ii) av chemicals at a level that is likely to endanger animals or the health of any person; or (iii) any other substance that is likely to endanger animals or the health of any person or Fodder that is suspected of being supplied without the information required to be furnished under s13 or where the information is furnished, the information is incorrect, false, misleading or insufficient	N/A	N/A	 Under 14(3), Director must serve the suspension order in writing and state the reason on it Evidence must show that supplier had knowledge of the suspension order but did not follow it

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s15(1) - Director's order to retrieve and withdraw fodder s15(2) - Director's direction on disposal of fodder withdrawn or retrieved Contravention of the order or director is an offence with a level 6 penalty [see 17(3)(e)]	suspension order is made s.14(1) [could be a fodder transporter/ supplier or any	supplied fodder and		N/A	N/A	 The recall order must be preceded by a suspension order under s14 Evidence must show that a person against whom the order was made had knowledge of the recall order or direction but did not follow it

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s16(1) – Requirement to keep record of transactions by traders	owns, keeps or sells FA in a slaughterhouse before slaughtering	Fails to record, as required, particulars relating to all transactions whereby such food animals are purchased or sold by him after the food animals are admitted to the slaughterhouse (a) the date and quantity of each transaction (b) the names and addresses of the sellers or purchasers; and (c) the identification details required of each food animal, where applicable, under section 7(1).	N/A	N/A	N/A	 Evidence must show that the suspect was a trader Evidence must show that no information or not all information required was recorded as required

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s16(2) – Requirement to keep record of transaction by transporters s16(3) – Requirement to keep records as required under s16(1) and s16(2) for 7 days s16(4) – Requirement to produce records kept under s16(1), s16(2), and s16(3) when required by SVO or inspector Contravention of any of the s16 requirements is an offence with a level 3 penalty [see s17(2)(c)]	transports FA to a slaughterhouse [could be a FA transporter, importer or wholesaler]	Fails to record, as required, particulars relating to the food animals carried by him – (a) the number of food animals involved in each carriage; (b) the name and address of the food animal trader or food animal farmer who employs his service, if applicable; and (c) the identification details required of each food animal, where applicable, under section 7(1).	N/A	N/A	N/A	 Evidence must show that the suspect was a trader transporting FA to slaughterhouse (s16(2)) Evidence must show that no information or not all information required was recorded as required (s16(2)) Evidence must show that information required was not kept for a minimum of 7 days (s16(3)) Evidence must show that information required was not produced at request of senior veterinary officer or inspector (s16(4))

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s16(5) – An offence with a level 3 penalty [see s17(2)(d)]	purported compliance with the requirement under s16 (4) [could be a FA transporter,		N/A	N/A	N/A	 Evidence must show that information provided was incorrect, false or misleading Evidence must show that incorrect, false or misleading information was material Evidence must show that trader knew the incorrect, false or misleading nature of information when he supplied such information

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