

Rollout of Online Services for Importation of Eggs and Reporting Arrival of Food Consignments

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced that with effect from **31 May 2021**, traders may apply for import permission of eggs and report the arrival of food consignments, including game, meat, poultry, eggs and other foods imported by air, through the Food Trader Portal (FTP). The new measures to be implemented are summarized as follows:-

(1) Streamlining requirements for import permission of eggs

With effect from 31 May, when applying for an import permission of eggs, importers are only required to provide information including the place of origin, the type and import quantity of the eggs to be imported. The format of the import permission has been rearranged to clearly set out the issuing entity of the country/place of origin and types of eggs to be imported, along with detailed import conditions, including the documents required and contact information of the relevant CFS offices.

For applications in paper mode, a new application form FEHB 295, i.e. Application for Permission to Import Eggs, will replace the current form FEHB 270 with effect from 31 May. The new form can be downloaded from the CFS website www.cfs.gov.hk/english/public/public.html or obtained from the CFS offices concerned free of charge.

(2) Online reporting of food consignment arrival

With effect from 31 May, importers with FTP accounts may report arrival of food consignments online, including game, meat, poultry, and eggs. For food consignments imported by air, importers may also include other types of food in the same arrival report, such as aquatic products and various prepackaged foods, except for milk and frozen confections which still have to be reported separately for the time being.

After receiving the report, the FTP will, according to the specific operational flow based on food type and mode of transport, issue

instructions or notices to the importers for completion of the consignment release procedures. For food consignments imported by air or land, after submitting the arrival report, the importers will receive an arrival report bearing a QR code which can be printed out and presented to the relevant border food control offices of the CFS together with necessary import documents to complete the consignment release procedures. For consignments imported by sea, if the arrival report is accepted, the importer will be notified through the FTP regarding inspection and release of the consignments. Upon completion of all the procedures, the CFS will issue a release letter through the FTP.

Importers may continue to submit consignment arrival report on paper to the various border food control offices. From 31 May onwards, however, a new unified paper form, i.e. FEHB 301 (Food Consignment Arrival Report), shall be used. The new form, which provides a checklist to importers on what supporting documents are required for the food types to be imported, can be downloaded from the CFS website www.cfs.gov.hk/english/public/public.html or obtained from the CFS offices concerned free of charge.

Please click “More Tips” at www.ftp.cfs.gov.hk for more detailed information on the above new measures.

For enquiries, please [contact us](#).

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