

Rollout of Online Application Services for Food Export Certificates

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced that with effect from 7 **March 2022**, traders may apply online for food export certificates, namely Health Certificate for Foods of Animal Origin and Food Inspection Certificate, through the Food Trader Portal (FTP). The new measures to be implemented are summarized as follows:-

(1) Application for Health Certificate for Foods of Animal Origin and Food Inspection Certificate

With effect from 7 March 2022, after opening user accounts at the FTP, food traders can apply for Health Certificate for Foods of Animal Origin and Food Inspection Certificate. They can also apply for certified copies of Health Certificate for Foods of Animal Origin and amendment to it through the FTP.

The FTP provides various conveniences for the applicants, enabling them to submit applications anytime and anywhere, and to prepare applications with templates and past information, thereby saving time for data entry. During the application process, the applicant will receive timely updates on the status of the application and can check its progress anytime.

(2) Payment of fees and collection of certificates

Besides payment of application fee by cash or cheque, e-payment service is also provided at the FTP for applicants to pay the application fees conveniently with credit card. In addition, applicants can opt to receive their certificates by registered post without having to collect the certificates from the CFS in person.

(3) Application in paper mode

Food traders may continue to submit applications on paper. The CFS has produced new application forms specifically for the certificates concerned. From 7 March 2022 onwards, the following new application forms **must** be used:

- Application for Health Certificate for Foods of Animal Origin

(FEHB 79A(3/2022))

- Application for Amendment to Health Certificate for Foods of Animal Origin / Certified Copy of Health Certificate for Foods of Animal Origin (FEHB 79B)
- Application for Food Inspection Certificate (FEHB 311)

The above new application forms may be obtained from the CFS offices concerned free of charge or downloaded from the CFS website www.cfs.gov.hk/english/public/public.html.

Please click “Useful Information” at www.ftp.cfs.gov.hk for more detailed information on the above new measures. For enquiries, please [contact us](#).

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