

## **Rollout of Advance Release Arrangement of Air Foods Reported Arrival Online**

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced that starting from 29 January 2024 (Monday), when food traders or their designated representatives who have successfully opened user accounts in the Hong Kong International Airport Cargo Data Platform (HKIA Cargo) of the Airport Authority Hong Kong (website: <https://portal.hkiacargo.com/auth/login>), report arrival of their air food consignments through the Food Trader Portal (FTP), and collect cargo at the Cathay Cargo Terminal (CCT) with e-Shipment Release Form (eSRF) issued by the HKIA Cargo, they can enjoy the efficient e-release arrangement.

FTP helps food traders get the full e-release services. For food consignments not subject to inspection or sampling and can be released, food traders or their designated representatives will receive concerned release letter and the e-release instruction from the FTP and eSRF respectively, and then can take out the food consignment direct from the CCT without the necessity to approach the Airport Food Inspection Offices of the CFS for consignment release. Hence, the time required for consignment clearance will be greatly shortened. Besides, FTP enables food traders to receive processing results of their consignment arrival reports in advance, facilitating their early logistics and transportation arrangements.

To enhance the efficiency of releasing foods imported by air, the CFS encourages the trade to report arrival of air consignments online through the FTP in advance, and will suitably accord priority to online reporting cases during the process of consignment release.

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

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