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## Industry News

### Press Release

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### Safety Concerns for Brazilian Frozen and Chilled Meat Imports

It has been reported that Brazilian exporters are involved in the alleged sales of rotten and carcinogenic frozen meat. Among the 21 meatpackers under investigation, 15 of them do not undertake exports, whilst five of the remaining six are engaged in exporting of frozen meat and related products (with one company exports honey, but not to Hong Kong).

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) announced yesterday (Tuesday) that as a precautionary measure, the CFS had temporarily suspended the import of frozen and chilled meat and poultry meat from Brazil with immediate effect.

On the problematic meat from Brazil, Mr Eric Ng, the FHKI Group 8 (Food, Beverages & Tobacco) Vice-Chairman says that not only the food industry highly regards food safety and supports the precautionary measures taken by the CFS, it will also give its full co-operation. However, he reckons that measures should target primarily against the 21 Brazilian companies and CFS should disclose to the importers, refrigerated warehouses and restaurants the names of the meatpackers involved and details of the problematic goods exported to Hong Kong.

Mr Ng opines that to assure the public that the frozen and chilled meat imported to Hong Kong is safe for consumption, the Government should trace the whereabouts of the frozen meat exported by the five Brazilian companies from refrigerated warehouses' records to ensure the goods be removed from shelves while restaurants should temporarily halt the usage of these products.

However, Mr Ng reckons that not all frozen meat imported from Brazil is unsafe. The Government should speed up spot checks, examine and certify whether the imported frozen meat is safe and keep the consumers well informed.

In addition, as the issue is still under the Brazilian government's investigation, Mr Ng urges the CFS to follow up closely with the progress in order to obtain the latest list of meatpackers involved. As for the frozen meat ordered from Brazilian meatpackers who are not under investigation, he suggests that apart from requesting importers to provide extra safety certificates, the CFS should also take more stringent sampling tests to guarantee the safety of frozen meat.

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