

**Circular 12: Important: Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612)**  
**<IMPORTANT>**

Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612) is in force with effect from 1 February 2012. Brief introduction as follows:

**1. Registration Scheme for food importers and food distributors**

Food importers and distributors who have not registered with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) but carry on a food importation or distribution business, without reasonable excuse, commit an offence and are liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for 6 months.

Food importers and distributors exempted from registration are also required to submit supplementary information to FEHD, such as information of contact and food category of imported/distributed food.

**2. Record-keeping requirement to the movement of food**

All food importers and distributors are required to maintain records of the movements of food. Food retailers have to keep records of acquisition of food. Any person who fails to comply with the record-keeping requirement, without reasonable excuse, commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for 3 months.

For detailed information, please browse the website [www.foodsafetyord.gov.hk](http://www.foodsafetyord.gov.hk) or call their office hour hotline: (852)2156 3017 or (852)2156 3034.

Hong Kong Trade Development Council

**通告 12: 重要通告: 《食物安全條例》(第 612 章) <重要通知>**

《食物安全條例》(第612章)已於2012年2月1日生效。簡介如下：

**1. 食物進口商和食物分銷商登記制度**

由2012年2月1日起，還未登記的食物進口商和分銷商，如無合理辯解，在未有登記的情況下經營食物進口或分銷業務，即屬違法，最高可被判罰款50,000元及監禁6個月。獲豁免登記的食物進口商和分銷商須向食環署提交補充資料，例如聯絡資料和進口或分銷食物的資料。

**2. 備存食物進出紀錄**

由2012年2月1日起，所有食物進口商及分銷商須備存食物進出紀錄。零售商亦須保存食物來貨紀錄。任何人如無合理辯解而沒有遵從備存紀錄的規定，即屬違法，最高可被判罰款10,000元及監禁3個月。

查詢詳情，請瀏覽網址 [www.foodsafetyord.gov.hk](http://www.foodsafetyord.gov.hk) 或於辦公時間致電: (852)2156 3017 或 (852)2156 3034。

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