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## ATO HONG KONG CONTINUES PROMOTION OF U.S. SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTS

During the month of September, ATO Hong Kong continued its efforts to increase consumer awareness about U.S. sustainable and organic food products. ATO partnered with *Tasting Kitchen*, a leading F&B and lifestyle magazine to produce three recipe videos highlighting sustainable and organic products available in the Hong Kong market. As of the date of this report, the publication of these videos on both *Tasting Kitchen* and ATO Hong Kong's social media platforms have generated 71,912 views and received 524 reactions. This promotion also provided an opportunity to showcase U.S. products such as lobster, rice, pork, and table grapes. Hong Kong consumers are increasingly interested in sustainable and organic ingredients, while the city does not maintain specific statistics on organic imports, the Hong Kong organic market is valued between \$92-\$93 million.

### **ATTENTION U.S. EXPORTERS! HONG KONG BUYERS ARE LOOKING FOR:**

ATO maintains close contacts with buyers from Hong Kong and Macau. Currently Hong Kong buyers are seeking U.S. suppliers of the following products:

- Coffee syrup (looking for new-to-market brands)
- Beef: Texas Longhorn/Hereford/Red Brangus/Piedmonte (Exclusivity is allowed)
- Ox gallstones
- Whole chickens

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## ECONOMY

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### **Tourism Board Offers One Million Sets of Night Treats Vouchers to Visitors to Boost Night Economy** [[The Standard, Sep 18](#); [The Standard, Sep 21](#)]

The Tourism Board will launch a number of signature events following the "Night Vibe Hong Kong" campaign promoted by the government, along with giving away one million dining vouchers to visitors. The "Hong Kong Night Treats" vouchers will be distributed to tourists in November to encourage them to experience the city's fine food and wine at night. A million sets of vouchers, worth \$13 each, can be used for \$13 off their bills in designated bars and restaurants after 6 pm. In addition, visitors can enjoy a special offer for an open-top bus night tour starting from November to January 2024. The Board will also turn Hong Kong into a stage for unforgettable, nonstop nightlife adventures for the public and visitors. That includes the remarkable Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance, which returned to the city after a four-year hiatus. The much-anticipated Wine & Dine Festival will return to the Central Harbor from October 26 to 29. There will be over 300 booths bringing together fine wines from 36 countries around the world and introducing new wines from Finland, Thailand, and Moldova. Authorities will also join hands with more than 300 bars and restaurants to launch the "Taste Around Town" campaign in November, with local tastemakers cooking classic dishes with fresh creativity. Popular restaurants will offer special menus to hype up the dining ambiance and support the trade. A new night market will be set up on the Wan Chai Waterfront Promenade starting on September 27 under the city's "Night Vibes Hong Kong" campaign, featuring food stalls, snack booths, music performances, and movie screenings. **ATO Notes:** To drive domestic spending, the Hong Kong Government (HKG) has increased efforts in promoting Hong Kong as a tourism hotspot in order to attract visitors to come to the city, and also to encourage residents to stay and spend locally. ATO Hong Kong will be launching its *Delicious USA* 2023 restaurant promotion campaign from November 1 – 30. In this fifth edition of the campaign, a total of 44 restaurants (32 in Hong Kong; and a record 12 in Macau) will participate creating dishes featuring U.S. ingredients.

### **New Night Market Coming to Temple Street in November at The Earliest** [[The Standard, Sep 18](#)]

The new night market set to be introduced under the city's "Night Vibes Hong Kong" campaign will be available in November at the earliest, said Raymond Chan Kam-wing, chairman of the Yaumatei Temple Street Association of Hawkers and Shop Operators. The campaign was launched last week as the government tries to lure locals and tourists to go out after dusk and boost the city's economy. For the new night market, the Tourism Board and stakeholders were discussing ways to rejuvenate the Temple Street night market by installing decorations and hosting food events. **ATO Notes:** Hong Kong Temple Street was once a popular tourist attraction that offered authentic souvenirs and local food. However, the

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pandemic drove many shops to close, and the location has lost its appeal. With the HKG plan to revive the street, the association expects shops will return and lure back crowds. This in turn will boost domestic spending and improve the city's economy.

## **Clockenflap in Triumphant December Return [[The Standard](#), Sep 20]**

Hong Kong's biggest international outdoor music festival, Clockenflap, is set to make a comeback on Central Harbor front in December following its successful return in March after a three-year hiatus. Tickets on sale from yesterday go for \$255 for three-day weekend tickets and \$64 for single-day tickets. The longest-running music festival in the city, which featured over 100 international and local artists.. **ATO Notes:** The first Clockenflap took place in 2008 with only 1,500 attendees and in 2013, participants exponentially grew to 30,000. The show was cancelled and postponed during 2019 - 2022 and finally returned in early 2023. It is expected that the return of the show will encourage tourists to Hong Kong in December.

## **Hong Kong's Unemployment Rate Stays at 2.8 Percent [[The Standard](#), Sep 19]**

Hong Kong's unemployment rate between June and August stayed at 2.8 percent, same as May - July, according to the latest data released by the statistics department. The underemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percent to 1 percent in the June - August period. A decrease was mainly seen in the decoration, repair and maintenance of buildings sector. Total employment increased by around 6,500. The labor force also increased by around 6,900. The number of unemployed citizens in June - August was 112,100, about the same as in the May - July period. The combined unemployment rate in the retail, accommodation, and food services sectors stayed unchanged at 3.7 percent. Among these sectors, the unemployment rate for the food and beverage service activities sector declined by 0.2 percentage point to 4.1 percent, while that of the retail sector edged up by 0.1 percentage point to 3.4 percent. **ATO Notes:** The city's overall unemployment rate remains stable. The unemployment rate in the food and beverage sector has been improving, supported by inbound tourism and local consumption recovery. The HKG is holding a "North District Recruitment and Training Expo" in October to continue their efforts to offer jobs to the public.

## **Hong Kong Rental Market Heats Up While Singapore Boom Cools [[The Standard](#), Sep 19]**

Hong Kong housing rents are rising again as overseas workers return, a recovery that contrasts with the cooling market in rival financial hub Singapore. Hong Kong rents rebounded from their first quarter decline to climb 2.8 percent in the second quarter of 2023, Knight Frank data shows. While Singapore recorded the same pace of gains, growth in the city-state's rents was the weakest since 2021 and down from a recent peak rate of 8.6 percent. The push to reverse a brain drain of talent during the pandemic is encouraging new arrivals to target Hong Kong neighborhoods popular with professionals, such as Soho and Kennedy Town. In comparable districts in Singapore, growth rates are now about half that, as stellar figures from previous years give way to relatively lackluster increases. "The trend is poised to persist, with Hong Kong's rental market rebound affirming its resilience as a financial hub," said Christine Li, head of research for Asia-Pacific at Knight Frank. Hong Kong has seen its strongest rental market since July 2018, said James Fisher, chief operating officer at real estate platform Spacious.hk. He expects rents to rise another 2 - 3 percent by the end of 2023. **ATO Notes:** Hong Kong property prices are the highest among its Asia Pacific counterparts. Due to pandemic, many expats moved out the city, which negatively influenced property prices. With the reopening of borders and businesses resumption in Hong

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Kong, improvements in the city's rental market are another point of reference that conditions are slowly returning to their pre-pandemic status.

## **Hong Kong Dethroned by Singapore as World's Freest Economy in Latest Report [[The Standard](#), Sep 20]**

Hong Kong has lost its top place in the Economic Freedom of the World report for the first time to its rival, Singapore, with the research institute citing more interferences from mainland China. The 2023 edition released on Tuesday by Canadian think tank Fraser Institute, stated that the SAR, among 165 jurisdictions, saw its overall score fall by 0.07 points which leaves Hong Kong at 8.55, falling 0.01 points short of Singapore's 8.56 points. The institute cited factors including new regulatory barriers to entry, limits on employment of foreign labor, and increases in the cost of business. The number three spot is now occupied by Switzerland, followed by New Zealand, the United States, Ireland, Denmark, Australia, the UK, and Canada. A Hong Kong government spokesman said, "The Fraser Institute's claims that the mainland imposed new and significant barriers to entry, limits on the employment of foreign labor, and increases in the costs of doing business in Hong Kong are factually wrong. "We totally disagree with such unfounded claims and express our disappointment." The spokesman also said, "The so-called mainland's military interference on Hong Kong's rule of law is completely fictitious and contrary to the facts," and insisted that Hong Kong enjoys a high degree of autonomy under the "one country, two systems" principle.

## **Airport Flies High on Accolades [[The Standard](#), Sep 25]**

Chek Lap Kok airport was chosen as the leading airport in both Asia and China in this year's World Travel Awards (WTA), with Hong Kong air traffic continuing to grow, handling about four million passengers last month, up five percent from July. It is the second consecutive year for the airport to be selected as the "China's Leading Airport," and it has once again been chosen as "Asia's Leading Airport" following its previous wins in 2020 and 2021. In August, the passenger volume continued to grow, with the Hong Kong airport handling approximately 4 million passengers, a 5 percent increase compared to July. The daily average number of passengers reached around 130,000, representing a recovery to about 66 percent of pre-pandemic levels. Flight movements and cargo throughput also saw monthly increases of 4.3 percent and 1.7 percent, reaching 20,055 flights and 367,000 metric ton, respectively. In September, the passenger volume recorded a surge of 7.3 times compared to the same month last year, while flight movements rose by 1.2 times. The traffic to and from Southeast Asia, mainland China, and Japan recorded the most significant increase. In the first eight months of this year, passenger volume at the international airport increased by over 13 times compared to 2022, reaching 24.4 million passengers. Over the past 12 months, the passenger volume increased 11 times, reaching 28.3 million passengers. Aircraft movements rose by 55.7 percent to 221,585 flights, while cargo throughput declined 11.8 percent to 4.1 million metric tons. **ATO Notes:** Established in 1993, the WTA reward excellence across all key sectors of the travel, tourism and hospitality industries. Last year, Hong Kong International Airport lost its place to Singapore Changi Airport, but regained its position this year and is once again Asia's leading airport.

## **Economic Group Suggests Vigilance Despite Smooth Macau Economy [[Macau Daily Times](#), Sep 15]**

Despite the city's smoothly recovering economy, underlying factors may fluctuate, Macau Economic Association (MEA) warned yesterday in a statement. Amid its announcement on the latest Prosperity Index, the group warned that at least three indicators for the index remain at dissatisfactory levels. The three factors are the stock prices of the six casino operators, the Chinese Consumer Confidence Index and the total employed population of China. On the other hand, high interest rates are also a critical factor. The suspension of casinos early this month in response to Super Typhoon Saola has also posed risks to gross gaming revenue for the month. Despite this fact, the group remains optimistic for local tourism in October as it is the month of Chinese National Day and 51 percent of mainland residents who travelled in the first half 2023 have been to Macau. The group expects the city's economy to be vibrant in the coming months with a series of festive or celebratory events as the year edges towards its conclusion. Therefore, it forecasts the city's Prosperity Index for August to November to be between 6.0 to 6.2 points. The score was supported by satisfactory, if not overheated, performances in hotel occupancy rate, total employed population, as well as unemployment rate. **ATO Notes:** Overall, Macau's economy recovery has been smooth. For the first two quarters of 2023, Macau's GDP increased 117.5 percent in real terms, gaming revenue has risen for its ninth consecutive month and improved 3 percent from last month to \$2.2 million. While retail sales dropped 10 percent in the second quarter, the value in 2023 has been one of the highest since 2000 and accounted for \$3 million in August.

## **Ferry Services to Facilitate Cross-border Travel to Hengqin [[Macau Business](#), Sep 14], Hengqin Checkpoint's 15 New Lanes to Begin Trial Next Week [[Macau Business](#), Sep 21]**

Hengqin and Macau authorities announced the opening of 15 new lanes at the Hengqin checkpoint in an effort to streamline border crossings. These lanes are a significant component of the ongoing upgrade of the immigration hall between Cotai and the neighboring island of Hengqin. Out of the 15 passages, nine will facilitate travel from Macau to Hengqin, while the remaining lanes will cater to traffic in the opposite direction. In the meantime, a passage dedicated to vehicles only between the University of Macau campus and Hengqin will also open. However, preparations for the pedestrian section are still underway. Under the newly implemented joint immigration system, vehicles using the new lanes at the Hengqin checkpoint will undergo a streamlined process of immigration checks conducted directly by authorities from both sides. According to footage provided by the government, vehicles carrying passengers must go through lanes staffed by immigration officers. The long-term objective is to increase the total number of lanes to 30. Meanwhile, Hengqin authorities are making plans to launch new ferry services to connect the island with the Inner Harbor district of Macau. Since the establishment of the Guangdong-Macau In-Depth Cooperation Zone about two years ago, transport connectivity between the two regions has been ramping up. The new ferry routes are expected to add convenience to the existing transport mode between Macau and Hengqin, which has largely been land-based. Several initiatives have been rolled out to facilitate cross-border travel, such as the introduction of 14 point-to-point commute lines, and unmanned public transport. **ATO Notes:** Hengqin is the financial district of Zhuhai. With the new infrastructure connecting Macau and Hengqin by sea, more collaboration between Macau and mainland is expected. Zhuhai has a population of approximately 2.44 million.

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## *HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, AND INSTITUTIONS*

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### **Andaz Macau now open at Galaxy [[Macau Post Daily](#), Sep 18]**

Andaz Macau, the eighth hospitality brand in Galaxy Macau’s sprawling resort and the largest Andaz property worldwide, was launched on Friday, with the new hotel featuring over 700 rooms and suites. The new property is the brand’s first and only hotel in the city. The hotel features a dedicated check-in lounge for large MICE groups and complimentary access to the Grand Resort Deck at Galaxy Macau, according to the statement. Moreover, the statement said that guests at the hotel can sample Portuguese, Macanese, and “neighborhood” dishes at Andaz Kitchen, or cocktails prepared by the hotel’s expert mixologists or local beer at Andaz Bar. Adjacent to Andaz Kitchen is the Andaz Studio, a multi-function venue that can host up to 80 people for MICE events and master chef cooking classes, among others. Andaz is a brand of hotels managed by Hyatt Hotels Corporation. **ATO Notes:** Macau’s economy is driven by its gaming and tourism sectors. However, in line with government and private sectors’ efforts to diversify the economy, Andaz has put their focus on MICE and restaurants developments.

### **Hotel Occupancy Peaks in Summer, Sector Eyes Golden Week [[Macau Daily Times](#), Sep 20]**

Hotel occupancy has peaked during the summer vacation and the hotel sector has since seen a decline this month, according to Jocelyn Wong, president of the Macau Hotel Association. Tourist arrivals during the two months of summer reached 5.98 million, as China’s tourism market heated up from the start of July, as parents and students embraced their first post-pandemic summer. Currently, bookings for budget hotels for the upcoming Golden Week are between 60 percent and 70 percent while the general occupancy rate of five-star hotels on weekdays has reached 90 percent. The Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has raised its daily visitor arrival forecast for October’s Golden Week by more than 10 percent, forecasting that Macau can see an average of over 100,000 visitors daily. Previously, it only estimated some 80,000 to 90,000 daily visitors during the upcoming Golden Week, which will run from September 29 to October 6 as it includes the Mid-Autumn Festival. In 2022, the city saw some 182,000 visitors during the holiday period. **ATO Notes:** Although the hotel sector has set to decline this month, the Macau Government is expecting another peak for the city in the upcoming Golden Week. As reported on the Statistics and Census Service of Macau, in the month of August, visitors to Macau increased 17 percent to 3.2 million, while hotel occupancy averaged 88 percent.

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## F&B Sector Records Revenue Surge [[Macau Daily Times](#), Sep 19]

Receipts of interviewed restaurants and similar establishments and retailers surged 354.2 percent year-on-year, with receipts of Chinese Restaurants, Japanese & Korean Restaurants and Western Restaurants soaring by 738.1 percent, 455.0 percent, and 355.0 percent respectively. Albeit from a low base, data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) shows that sales of the interviewed retailers jumped by 455.7 percent year-on-year in July. As regards to business expectations for August, 64 percent of the interviewed restaurants and similar establishments expected their receipts to remain stable month-on-month. **ATO Notes:** With the inflow of visitors to the city, the F&B sector in Macau is also on the rise. For the upcoming Golden Week, it is expected the sector will grow again along with the visitor inflow from mainland in October. Restaurateurs are interested in promoting global ingredients, including from the United States. This year, a record 12 restaurants in Macau have signed up to participate in ATO's *Delicious USA 2023* campaign featuring dishes with U.S. ingredients.



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## RETAIL

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## DITP X APITA & UNY Catering Fresh Thai Food Products to Hong Kong Consumers! [[The Standard](#), Sep 18]

DITP HK is now kicking off another round of Thai Food Promotion with a new partner, the premium supermarkets APITA and UNY, during 15-28 September 2023, at APITA Tai Koo & UNY Tseung Kwan O, bringing in the freshest taste from Thailand including the well-known Thai fruits, vegetables, herbs, and poultry items, etc. To facilitate consumers from all perspectives, this promotion will be launching not only at physical branches, but also online. As of 2022, Hong Kong is the 8th largest export destination of Thailand with export value at \$10 billion. Major food products from Thailand to Hong Kong include rice, fruits, poultry cuts and other food preparations & ingredients, etc. **ATO Notes:** Many exporter countries remain actively promoting their products at retail in Hong Kong. Hong Kong's imports of Thai durians alone account for \$453 million a year, rice account for \$151 million and other tropical fruits like mangos, guavas and coconuts contribute \$138 million. This year, ATO Hong Kong ran seven in-store retail promotions to ensure visibility of U.S. ingredients with Hong Kong shoppers.

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## TRADE

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### **Hong Kong Customs Detects Smuggling Case with Live Lobsters and Chilled Seafood Valued at About \$1.4 Million [[HKSAR Press Release](#), Sep 15; [HKSAR - Press Release](#), Sep 23]; Six Arrested for Smuggling \$0.5 Million of Live Lobsters and Chilled Seafood to Mainland [[The Standard](#), Sep 23]**

Hong Kong Customs mounted an anti-smuggling operation and seized suspected smuggled goods with an estimated market value of about \$1.4 million. Customs officers seized about 87 cartons including live lobsters, dried fish maws, mobile phones and computer tablets. In addition, on September 23, about 1,100 kilograms of suspected smuggled live lobsters and 400 kilograms of chilled seafood with an estimated market value of about \$0.5 million were seized in the anti-smuggling operation conducted in the waters off the east of Tau Lo Chau. It was understood that the seafood originated from Japan and would be delivered to the mainland, which has prohibited all seafood imports from Japan following its discharge of treated radioactive wastewater.

### **Authorities Investigating if Imported Batch of Japanese Mushrooms Breached Food Safety Order [[The Standard](#), Sep 18]; Fish Fillets Imported from Japan Suspected of Breaching Food Safety Order [[The Standard](#), Sep 20]**

Three packs of mushrooms imported from a regulated prefecture in Japan have been marked and sealed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department after the importer was suspected of breaching the food safety order. The mushrooms from Tochigi Prefecture were found during the food label inspection by the Centre for Food Safety. The products were not accompanied by a radiation certificate and exporter certificate, which is required to prove that the radiation levels do not exceed the limited levels and are safe for consumption. According to the food safety order, all vegetables, fruits, milk, milk beverages, and dried milk originating from Chiba, Tochigi, Ibaraki, and Gunma prefectures are allowed to be imported into Hong Kong only if they are accompanied by a radiation certificate and an exporter certificate issued by the Japanese authority. In addition, a pack of fish fillets manufactured in a regulated metropolis in Japan has been marked and sealed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department after the importer was suspected of breaching the food safety order. The Japanese seabream fillet manufactured in Tokyo was found on Wednesday when the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) inspected a consignment of food imported from Japan. **ATO Notes:** Since the ban in 2008, food products from Tochigi Prefecture, Japan, must be accompanied by a radiation certificate and export certificate. With the recent new suspension provisions in place, the Hong Kong government has been cautious on the importation of goods from Japan. Hong Kong imported \$3 million worth of Japanese mushrooms in

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2022. To this date, the import from Japan has decreased 7 percent to \$1.7 million. However, Japan is still the second top supplier of this category of products to Hong Kong. Last year, Hong Kong imported \$ 7 million worth of Japanese fish fillet. In the first eight months of 2023, the import value has decreased 31 percent to \$3 million. Nevertheless, local traders maintain that this situation is temporary and expect imports from Japan to eventually normalize.

## **Dried Whelks Contain Excessive Preservatives: IAM [[Macau Post Daily](#), Sep 15]**

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) said in a statement yesterday that during its regular testing of comestibles its inspectors confirmed that a sample of dried whelks sold in bulk in Macau contained an excessive amount of preservatives. The statement also noted that each kilogram of the product was found to contain 1,740 milligrams of preservatives, which exceeds Macau's food safety regulation. The statement said the product was imported from Hong Kong, and that the bureau's Food Safety Department has already reported the case to its counterpart in Hong Kong for follow up. The bureau also urged residents not to consume the product and has told the shop concerned to remove the product from their shelves. **ATO Notes:** Recently, Macau's IAM has been actively investigating food products that come to the city. While most food imports come through Hong Kong, Macau takes a more conservative approach to food regulations.

## **IAM Tested Almost 29,000 Japanese Food Products, No Problems Found [[Macau Daily Times](#), Sep 18]**

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) has tested 28,784 food product samples imported from Japan for radiation under the measures that commenced August 24 in response to the release of water from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant into the ocean. So far, all the products tested by IAM had regular levels of radiation without any issues related to excessive levels of radiation. On August 24, the local government, following guidelines from China's central government, banned imports of food products from 10 prefectures and regions of Japan, namely Fukushima, Chiba, Tochigi, Ibaraki, Gunma, Miyagi, Niigata, Nagano, Saitama, and the Tokyo Metropolis. **ATO Notes:** Macau has followed a stricter ban on Japanese imports following the wastewater discharge.

## **CFS Announces Risk Assessment Study Results on Microbiological Quality of Non-hot Served Dishes with Chicken Meat [[HKSAR Press Release](#), Sep 20]**

The Center for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced the results of a risk assessment study on the microbiological quality of non-hot served dishes with chicken meat. All samples were compliant with the CFS's microbiological food safety criteria for pathogenic bacteria (i.e. Salmonella spp. and Listeria monocytogenes and Staphylococcus aureus). The overall result was satisfactory. **ATO Notes:** Besides doing regular and seasonal surveillance on imported goods, the CFS also samples ready-made food at restaurants and food stalls. This time, the project is targeted to test on cold served chicken meat, 100 samples were collected, and the results were satisfactory. Chicken meat is a common and preferred ingredient for local cold served dishes.

## **Hong Kong Customs Conducts Joint Enforcement Operations with FEHD Regarding Sale of Hairy Crabs [[HKSAR Press Release](#), Sep 20]**

Hong Kong Customs and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) have been carrying out joint enforcement operations to inspect hairy crab retail outlets in various districts, to ensure hairy

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crabs on sale in the market comply with relevant stipulations and requirements. During the inspections, Customs officers and officers of the Centre for Food Safety and the Environmental Hygiene Branch of the FEHD monitored the sale of hairy crabs and also checked supportive documents for the place of origin and health certificates. Thus far, officers of the two departments have inspected 45 hairy crab retail shops and no irregularity has been found. **ATO Notes:** Hairy crab is a seasonable but popular dish for Hong Kong local during the fall months. As the crabs are only available for two-three months a year, Hong Kong locals are overwhelmed with feast and promotions during this time. Due to its scarcity, hairy crab prices are not cheap, costing around \$100 per kilogram and restaurant will feature hairy crab feast which cost around \$100 per set where consumers will get two crabs per meal. Crabs are mostly imported from Yangcheng Lake in Jiangsu Province.

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