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Routine Food Surveillance Results (Second Quarter 2015)

Civic Municipal Affairs Bureau
Food Safety Centre



Routine Food Surveillance for Second Quarter 2015

- **The Centre conducted the food surveillance and sampling plan based on the types of food circulating in Macao.**



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- **The Centre collected a total of 434 samples in the second quarter of 2015.**



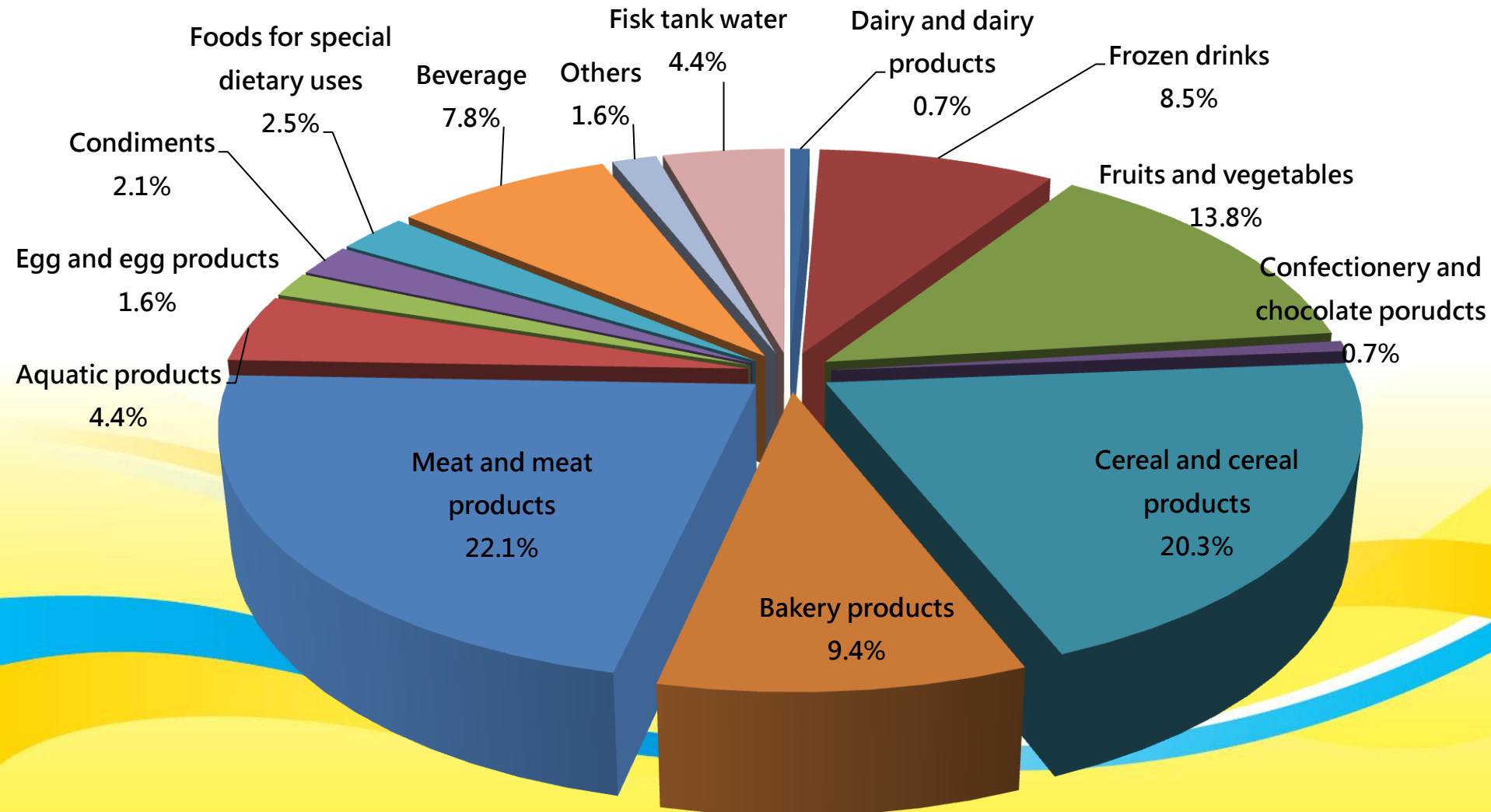
Routine Food Surveillance for Second Quarter 2015

- **Samples were collected from local supermarkets, grocery stores, department stores, restaurants, take-away shops, etc.**



Types of samples

(Types of samples included various ready-to-eat foods, beverages, groceries, snacks, etc., a total of 434 samples)



Types of test

■ Microbiological analysis

(Pathogen) e.g. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Salmonella*, *Listeria monocytogens*, etc.

■ Chemical analysis

Sulphur dioxide, Sorbic acid, Benzoic acid, Heavy metals, etc.

■ Radiation level analysis

Iodine-131, Caesium-134, Caesium-137



Test results

- Among 434 food samples, the overall satisfactory rate was 99.8%.
- 1 food sample was found to be unsatisfactory.



Test results

- One samples of preserved date contained preservative sulphur dioxide over the reference limit.



Zhengfeng Preserved Dates
Net Weight : 300g
Country of Origin : China
Best Before : 2016.07.31

Sample	Testing item	Result
Preserved dates	Sulphur dioxide	2,400 mg/kg

Follow-up and Preventive Actions

- Upon receiving the test results, follow-up actions have been taken on the unsatisfactory samples in order to safeguard food safety:
 - ✓ Request the respective shops to stop selling the affected products immediately.
 - ✓ Trace the source and distribution of the food item.
 - ✓ Inform the suppliers and the retailers to stop selling the affected batch of the products.
 - ✓ The affected products should be disposed under supervision.
 - ✓ Re-check.
 - ✓ Issue food alert and publish press release.

Advice for Trade

- **Purchase foods and ingredients from reputable suppliers. Do not buy food from unknown sources.**
- **Keep all the purchase and sale records for product and source-tracing by the competent government authorities whenever necessary.**
- **Do not purchase or sell any food products if there is any doubt about its hygiene and safety.**



Advice for Consumers

- **Buy foods from reputable and hygienic stores.**
- **When buying pre-packaged products, make sure the package are intact and mind the expiry dates.**
- **When buying non-packaged products, pay attention to hygienic condition of food containers and personal hygiene of staff.**
- **Choose foods with natural color. Do not purchase foods which look too colorful or too bright as excessive amount of artificial colors or food additives may have been added. Before eating, check the food carefully. If abnormal smell and moulds are found, discard the food immediately.**
- **After buying, store the products properly according to label instructions. Consume as soon as possible after opening.**
- **Do not purchase or eat any food if there is any doubt about its safety or quality.**

Release Results and Enquiries

- The Centre release food surveillance results and information through the following channels:

- Press Release

- Food Safety Information Website and Food Safety Information App





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