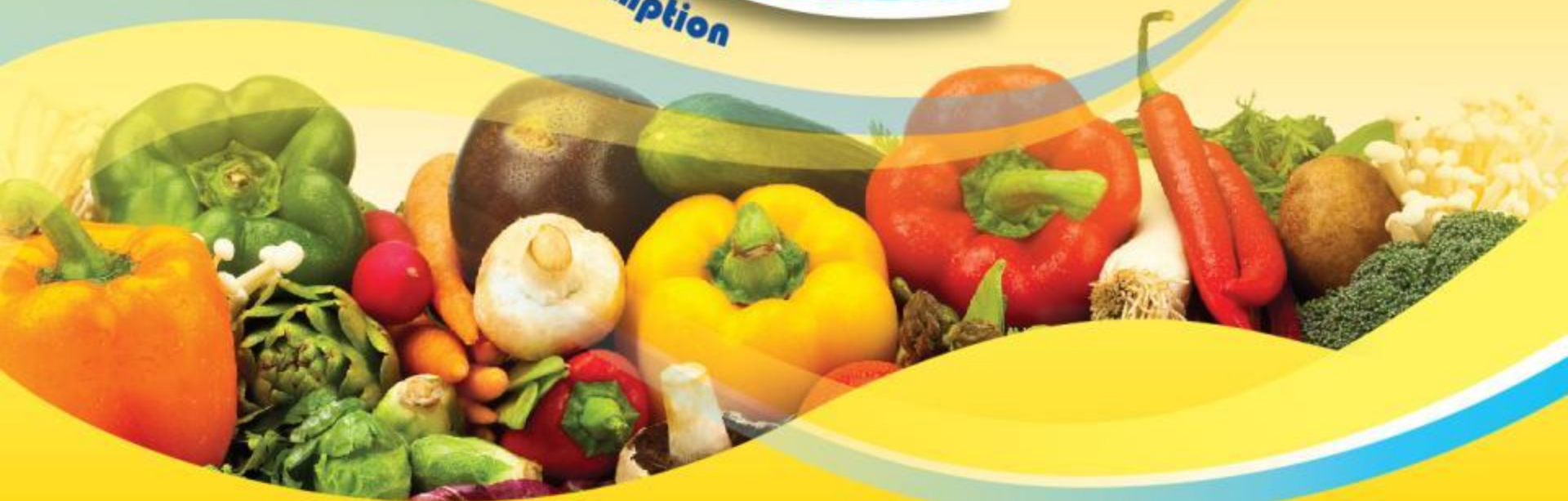




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Targeted Food Surveillance on Pre-packaged Complementary Foods for Infants and Young Children

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Targeted Food Surveillance

- **Objective:** The Centre proactively identifies potential risks of the targeted food items and monitors the safety of food items that are commonly consumed in Macao in order to safeguard food safety.



Targeted Food Surveillance

- The Centre conducts relevant analysis based on specific food categories. Priority will be given to the popular food items.

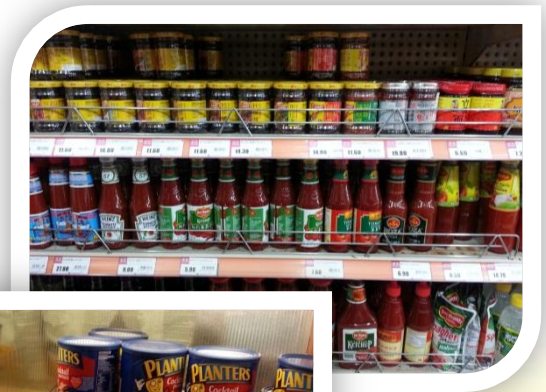
Factors

Risk Level

Social Concern

Eating Habits

Food Incidents



Surveillance on Pre-packaged Complementary Foods for Infants and Young Children

- **Scope: Complementary foods for infants and young children circulating in Macao.**
- **Infants and Young Children: Age 0-36 months, considered as high risk group.**
- **Complementary foods for infants and young children which help them to adapt solid foods while getting enough nutrition. These include purees for baby, infant biscuits and infant cereal, etc.**
- **To ensure complementary foods for infants and young children in Macao market comply with the requirements of food hygiene and safety standards, Food Safety Center of IACM carried out a targeted food surveillances.**

Market Surveillance

Popularity

Complementary foods for infants and young children in the market, including well known brands in the market.

Country of Origin

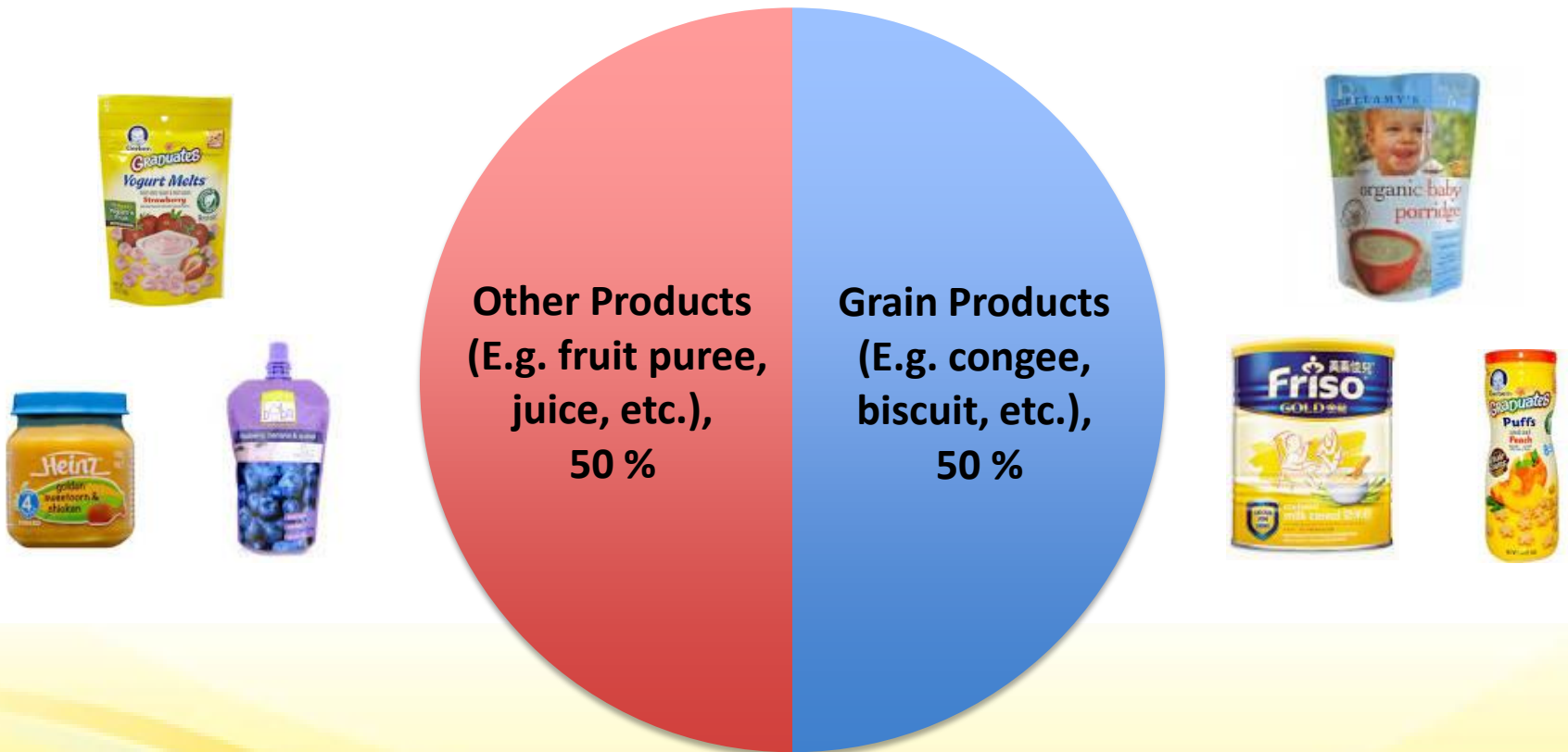
China, Taiwan, Japan, US, Australia, Switzerland and France, etc.

Location

Local Supermarkets, baby stores and department stores

Types of Samples

- Collected a total of 30 samples of pre-packaged complementary foods for infants and young children, which include:



Types of Test

■ Microbiological Analysis

Salmonella, Staphylococcus aureus and Bacillus cereus.

■ Radiation level analysis

Iodine-131, Cesium-134 and Cesium-137.



Test Results

- All tested samples were satisfactory. The overall **satisfactory rate was 100%.**
- Despite the fact that all the samples tested were satisfactory, individual differences like infant growth rate, physical condition and food intake should be taken into accounts, if you have any doubt, consult your doctor before introducing complementary foods to your infant or child.

Reference:

- Microorganisms: Health Bureau of Macao 《Microbiological guidelines for ready-to-eat food》 (SAL 015-2007)
- Radiation: Regulamento Administrativo n.º 16/2014 “Limites máximos de radionuclídeos nos géneros alimentícios” (Maximum limits of radionuclides in foodstuffs)

Advice for consumers

When purchasing pre-packaged complementary foods for infants and young children, you should:

- **Purchase from approved and reliable sources;**
- **Check the packaging if it is intact and pay attention to the expiry date;**
- **Store the products properly according to the label instructions, purchase food in the amount as needed, and consume as soon as possible after opening;**
- **It is difficult to verify whether the online food trading meet the food safety standard in various food processes, such as transportation and storage, the public should pay special attention to the food properties and potential risks when purchasing food online;**
- **Consult your doctor before introducing complementary foods to your infant or child;**
- **Do not purchase or consume any food if there is any doubt about its safety or quality.**



Advice for trade

- The trade should purchase food products from reputable suppliers, meet the hygiene and safety requirements in various food processes such as transportation and storage, store and display the food properly;
- The trade should **keep all the purchase and sales records** for product tracing by the competent government authorities whenever necessary.
- Do not purchase or sale any food if there is any doubt about its safety or quality.



保存食品紀錄指引

目的：

根據《食品安全法》，食品生產經營者有義務在指定期間內保存進出貨紀錄或相關單據，本指引旨在使食品生產經營者了解保存食品紀錄的要件及如何妥善進行相關的保存工作，以便一旦發生食品事故時能讓政府權限部門進行及時有效的食品溯源及跟進工作，共同攜手保障本澳的食品安全。

適用範圍：

- 適用於所有擬供人食用的食品，根據《食品安全法》，「食品」指任何供人食用的經處理或未經處理的物質，包括飲料及香口膠類產品，以及在生產、配製及處理食品過程中使用的所有成分。
- 本指引旨在為食品生產經營者提供原則性的保留食品紀錄建議，但受現行其他指引規範者，則可沿用既有的規定。

保存紀錄的內容：

為有效追查食品的來源和流向，保存紀錄的內容應清晰並涵蓋以下資料：

1. 食品的日期(獲取食品的日期；以批發方式供應食品的日期)；
2. 食品的來源資料(公司或個人的名稱、地址及電話)；
3. 食品的数量；
4. 食品的描述(應為特徵性描述，讓人可清楚辨識，如食品名稱、批號及產地來源等)。

食品生產經營者一般須備存的紀錄

	進口紀錄	獲取紀錄	供應紀錄
食品進口商	√		√
食品分銷商		√	√
食品零售商 (直接供應給消費者)		√	
飲食業界		√	
本地食品製造商		√	√

Released Results and Enquiries

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

- **Press releases;**
- **Food Safety Information website and Food Safety Information App.**





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