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Routine Food Surveillance Results (Third Quarter 2015)

Civic Municipal Affairs Bureau
Food Safety Centre



Routine Food Surveillance for Third Quarter 2015

- **The Centre conducted the food surveillance and sampling plan based on the types of food circulating in Macao.**
- **The Centre collected a total of 442 samples in the third quarter of 2015.**



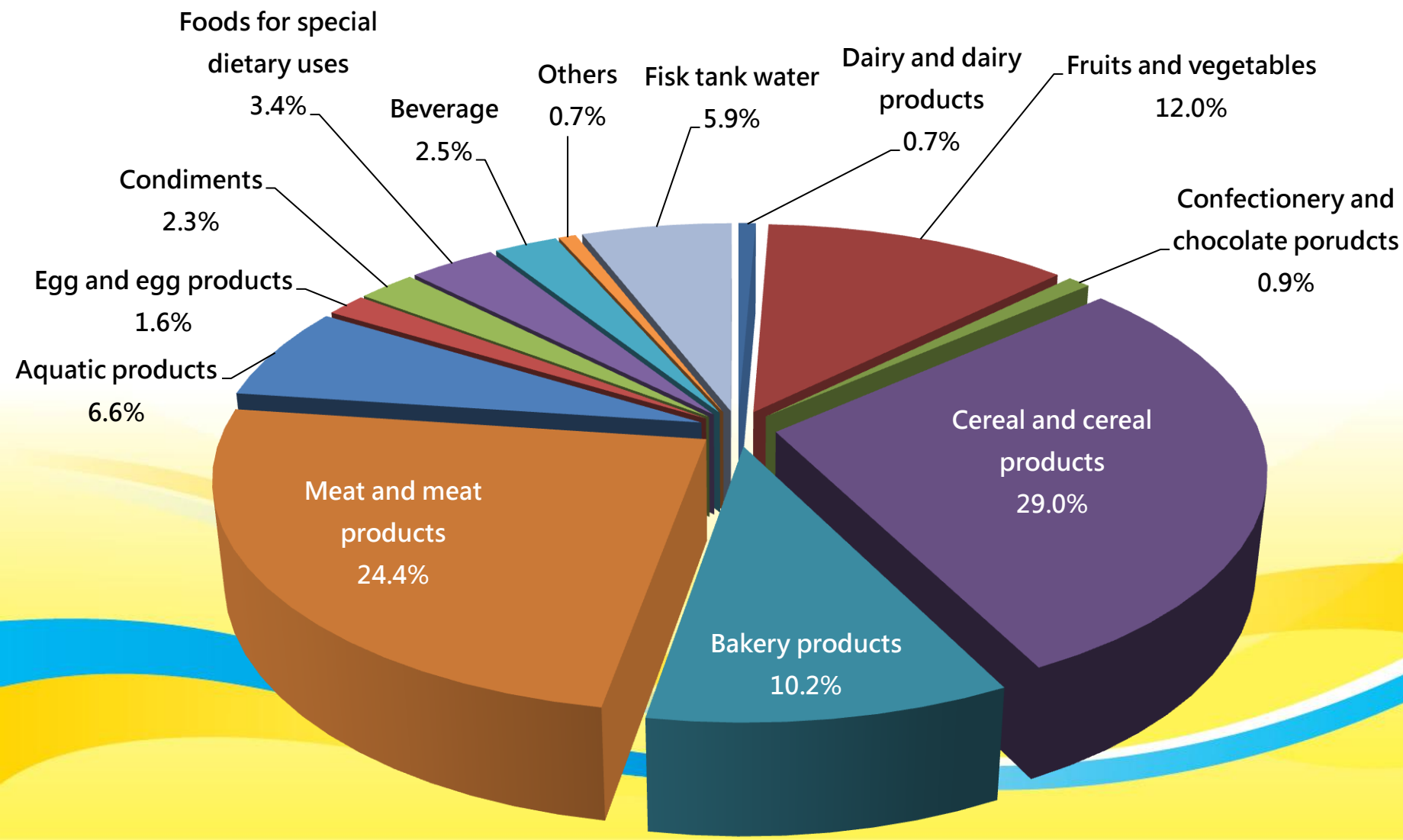
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- **Samples were collected from local supermarkets, grocery stores, department stores, restaurants, take-away shops, etc.**



Types of samples

(Types of samples included various ready-to-eat foods, beverages, groceries, snacks, etc., a total of 442 samples)



Types of test

■ Microbiological analysis

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

■ Chemical analysis

Boric Acid, Salicylic acid, Heavy metals, etc.

■ Radiation level analysis

Iodine-131, Caesium-134, Caesium-137



Test results

- Among 442 food samples, the overall satisfactory rate was 99.8%.
- 1 food sample was found to be unsatisfactory.



Test results

- One samples of Chinese dim sum (Siu-mai) was found to contain boric acid.

Sample	Testing item	Result
Siu-mai	Boric acid	150 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 and dispose relevant materials immediately
 - ✓ Trace the source of the ingredients and the production process
 - ✓ Re-check
 - ✓ Publish press release



Advice for Trade

- Purchase foods and ingredients from reputable suppliers. Do not buy food from unknown sources.
- The food additives should be only used when necessary and in a reasonable and prudent manner.
- 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.**
- **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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