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Title : Taichung City Self-Government Ordinance for Governing Food Safety and Sanitation 

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Content : Article 1. This Self-Government Ordinance is formulated by Taichung City (hereinafter referred to as “the City” ) for the purposes of protecting the citizens’ right to health and promoting food safety and sanitation.

Article 2. 1.The Competent Authority of this Self-Government Ordinance is Taichung City Government (hereinafter referred to as “the Government” ), and the executive agency, with authority and responsibility, is the Health Bureau of Taichung City Government (hereinafter referred as “the Health Bureau” ).

2.For the matters, under the management of food safety and sanitation by the City, concerning the authorities and responsibilities of the competent agencies, subordinate to the Government, in charge of relevant executive affairs, shall be administered by such industry competent agencies in accordance with laws.

Article 3. 1.Upon discovery that food products may be harmful to sanitation and safety, the food businesses shall immediately, voluntarily, and proactively cease manufacturing, processing, and selling and recall such products. The food businesses shall automatically notify all other relevant businesses in twenty-four hours and report to the Health Bureau.

2.Where the food businesses, as referred the preceding paragraph, report to the Health Bureau, they shall provide the raw materials of products, food additives, the vendor information of incoming and outgoing merchandise and stock, the items inventories, timing, and quantity of incoming and outgoing merchandise and stock, product ingredients, and some other relevant documents for future reference. No such required information and documents provided

concurrently while reporting,

food businesses shall make corrections to submit the needed materials within forty-eight hours.

3.The Health Bureau may conduct the sampling inspections based on the circumstances presented in the reports that required by the preceding two paragraphs.

Article 4. 1.The personnel, operation sites, sanitation management of facilities, and quality assurance system of food businesses in the City shall meet the requirements of the Regulations on Good Hygiene Practice for Foods.

2.Food businesses belonging to a category and scale designated by the Government in a public announcement shall meet the requirements of the Regulations on Food Safety Control System (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point).

Article 5. 1.Food businesses belonging to a category and scale designated by the Government in a public announcement may commence their business operations only after applying for registration with the competent authority in accordance to the Regulations Governing the Registration of Food Business.

2.Food businesses belonging to a category and scale designated by the Government in a public announcement shall establish their own traceability system for tracing and tracking the sources, manufacturing processes, and flows of the raw materials of products, semi-products and end products, based on their respective industry modes, in accordance to the Regulations Governing Traceability of Foods and Relevant Products.

Article 6. 1.Food businesses belonging to a category and scale designated by the Government in a public announcement shall test their raw materials of products, semi-products or end products on their own, or deliver them to other testing agency (institution), corporation, or organization for testing.

2.Food businesses belonging to a category and scale designated by the Government in a public announcement shall obtain the certification of sanitation and safety management systems.

Article 6-1. For pork products and pork-related products, being

manufactured, processed,  
prepared, packaged, transported, stored, sold,  
imported, exported, presented as a  
gift, or publicly displayed, the beta-adrenergic  
receptor agonists shall not be  
detected via tests.

Article 7. 1. When dealing with complaint and detection of major  
violation of the Act Governing  
Food Safety and Sanitation, the competent authority  
shall strictly maintain the  
confidentiality of information about the identity of  
the person reporting the  
incident and may also as it sees fit bestow a reward.  
If civil services disclose  
the confidential information, they will be punished  
with criminal and  
administrative responsibilities.

2. Regulations governing the rewards of informant, as  
referred to in the preceding  
paragraph, shall be separately promulgated by the  
Government.

Article 8. After the reports of examination and testing for foods,  
food additives, food  
utensils, food containers or packaging, and food  
cleansers have been finished with  
the determination, the relevant information shall be  
disclosed and published on the  
Health Bureau's website.

Article 9. The Government shall establish the Food Safety Board  
and the Mayor shall serve as  
the convener. The establishment directions of the Food  
Safety Board shall be  
separately promulgated by the Health Bureau.

Article 10. The Government shall establish the monitoring system of  
food sanitation and safety  
based on the principles of scientific evidence,  
precaution, and information  
transparency, and may assemble experts and scholars  
specialized in food safety to  
form the advisory committees of risk assessment and  
risk management for providing  
professional consultations when dealing with the  
adoption of precautionary measures  
against the major food safety incidents, inspections,  
law enforcement and legal  
compliance, industrial orders, and restoration of  
consumers' confidence.

Article 10-1. 1. Food businesses are not allowed to sell radiation  
contaminated foods in the  
City.

2. Food businesses selling the foods imported from Japan shall indicate the name of prefectures of origin in Chinese on the containers and external packaging.

3. Foods produced and manufactured in Fukushima prefecture, Ibaraki prefecture, Tochigi prefecture, Chiba prefecture, and Gunma prefecture in Japan shall not be allowed to sell in the City.

Article 10-2. 1. The businesses of water supplies station shall indicate the following documents

and information in obvious spots at sales places:

(1) Name and contact information of the person in charge with the sanitation management.

(2) Records of management and maintenance.

(3) Signs of printed words: "drinkable", "to be boiled", or "not for drink."

(4) Food businesses' registration numbers.

(5) The Health Bureau's complaints line.

2. The labeling, promotion, or advertisement by the businesses of water supplies

station shall not be false, exaggerated or misleading, and shall not proclaim as having medical efficacy.

3. The water supplies station prescribed in the preceding two paragraphs means the

location where the businesses sell containerized drinking water in batches

coming with containers, which the businesses provide or the consumers bring their own with.

Article 11. Food businesses belonging to a category and scale designated by the Government in a

public announcement in violation of the paragraph 2 of Article 4, after an

adjudication to effect improvement within the designated time period but failure to

fully effect the improvement within the prescribed time limit, shall be imposed a

fine between NT\$60,000 and NT\$100,000, and additional fines may be imposed for each successive instance of failures.

Article 11-1. Food businesses in violation of the paragraph 1 of Article 3, by failing to

automatically notify in time and in violation of the paragraph 2 of Article 3

shall be imposed a fine between NT\$30,000 and NT\$100,000, and additional fines

may be imposed for each successive instance of

failures.

Article 12. Any one of the following acts, after an adjudication to effect improvement within the designated time period but failure to fully effect the improvement within the prescribed time limit, shall be imposed a fine between NT\$30,000 and NT\$100,000, and additional fines may be imposed for each successive instance of failures:

(1) In violation of the paragraph 1 of Article 5, by failing to apply for registration.

(2) In violation of the paragraph 2 of Article 5, by failing to establish the tracing and tracking system.

(3) In violation of the Article 6.

Article 13. For registered or established information, pursuant to the Article 5, is false to affect the examination of food tracing or tracking system, food businesses shall be imposed a fine between NT\$30,000 and NT\$100,000, and additional fines may be imposed for each successive instance of failures.

Article 13-1. 1. Food businesses in violation of the Article 6-1 shall be subject to the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation and relevant regulations.

2. Under the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation, after the central competent authority has established the tolerance safety standards for pork products and pork-related products, in the event of violation of the Article 6-1 and the amount of content of the beta-adrenergic receptor agonists have been detected as exceeding the tolerance safety standards, the food businesses shall be subject to the preceding paragraph; in the event of not exceeding the tolerance safety standards, the food businesses shall be imposed a fine between NT\$30,000 and NT\$100,000, and additional fines may be imposed for each successive instance of failures.

Article 14. 1. Food businesses in violation of the Article 10-1 or the paragraph 2 of Article 10-2 shall be subject to the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation and relevant regulations.

2. Food businesses in violation of the paragraph 1 of

Article 10-2, after an  
adjudication to effect improvement within the  
designated time period but failure  
to fully effect the improvement within the  
prescribed time limit, shall be  
imposed a fine between NT\$3,000 and NT\$15,000, and  
additional fines may be  
imposed for each successive instance of failures.  
Article 15. This Self-Government Ordinance is effective from the  
date of promulgation.

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