



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Daily guide to wholesale prices and supplies of basic food commodities

Release time: 7.30 p.m.

LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS NOW IN FORCE

Mr. Porter Calls For 100 Per Cent Compliance

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The order banning the use of certain types of lighting, except for four and a half hours each evening, has now come into force and it appears that the majority of people are complying with it.

The Director of Oil Supplies, Mr. Roy Porter, said today he had noticed that most of the advertising signs and display lights had been switched off by midnight last night in accordance with the order.

However, he stressed that in order to make the fullest possible use of this fuel saving measure, there must be a 100 per cent compliance.

The restrictions Mr. Porter said, applied throughout the day and during most hours of darkness. He said some shops were allowing their advertising or display lights to be turned on during the day, but this was against the order. "All those lights covered by the order are only permitted between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10.30 p.m., for the remainder of the time they must be switched off."

Breaches of the order could lead to a maximum fine of \$30,000 and six months imprisonment.

At the same time, Mr. Porter clarified a number of points which had subsequently been raised since the introduction of the lighting restrictions.

He said there seemed to be some misunderstanding over the restrictions on display lighting, and pointed out that they applied to the use of lights in shop windows to display any particular article or articles.

Display lights in shop counters and cabinets also had to be switched off. In cases where these lights were wired to the overall lighting system in shops it would be necessary for them to make alternative arrangements.

Both these rules applied to shops in arcades. In some cases, Mr. Porter explained, arcade shops may well have to rely on the public lighting system in the buildings to light up their shop windows.

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However, the restrictions, did not apply to normal shop lighting or public lighting inside buildings and arcades.

Mr. Porter again emphasised that the new restrictions should not unduly affect business, as shops were still adequately lit by their normal lighting.

He said that the restrictions also applied to display signs such as those advertising restaurants or night clubs, whatever part of the building they occupied. But night clubs could still use spotlights during performances by artists inside their clubs.

As far as indoor sports were concerned, Mr. Porter said that these should generally not be affected, except where they use clusters of lights for floodlighting. Indoor 10-pin bowling should not be affected by the ban, provided any display lights are switched off.

There are certain exemptions to the restrictions including display signs indicating hospitals, doctors, dentists and pharmacists.

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WATER CUT

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Water supply to a number of premises in Sai Kung will be interrupted for eight hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday (December 12) when a fresh water mains connection will be made in the area.

All premises between Luk Mei Village and Po Lo Che, Sun On Tsuen, including those along Hiram's Highway, Sai Kung, will be affected.

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UN NARCOTICS CONTROL CHIEF ON HONG KONG VISIT

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The head of a United Nations body that monitors the effectiveness of international treaties designed to curb drug trafficking and drug abuse today began a two-day visit to Hong Kong.

He is Sir Harry Greenfield, the 75-year-old president of the Geneva-based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB).

Sir Harry, INCB president for the past five years, is one of the world's most respected and experienced drug-fighters.

He is chairman of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence in the United Kingdom. His past positions include: India representative on the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1946); vice-president of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board (1948-52); and president of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board (1953-68).

Today Sir Harry, accompanied by the INCB secretary, Monsieur Joseph Dittert, was briefed on Hong Kong's dangerous drugs problem by the Commissioner for Narcotics, Mr. N.G. Rolph; the Chief Superintendent of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force Narcotics Bureau, Mr. H.J. Rumbelow; and the Assistant Commissioner of the Preventive Service, Mr. R.V.L. Hatton.

The briefings were followed by a meeting with the Commissioner of Police, Mr. C.P. Sutcliffe.

Tomorrow morning the two INCB officials will have meetings with senior Government officials and the chairman of the revamped Action Committee Against Narcotics, Sir Albert Rodrigues.

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Sir Harry and Monsieur Dittert will leave Hong Kong by air for New Delhi tomorrow (Tuesday) night.

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Note to Editors: Sir Harry Greenfield will give a press conference in the Press Conference Room in the V.I.P. Lounge at Kai Tak Airport at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday) before boarding his aircraft for New Delhi. The Commissioner for Narcotics, Mr. N.G. Rolph, also will be present.

Member of the Press, Radio and Television are invited to attend.

Sir Harry is leaving by Flight BA 945, E.T.D. 8 p.m.

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#### SHANGHAI STREET TO BE REBUILT

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The section of Shanghai Street between Argyle Street and Nelson Street will be rebuilt early next year.

The work will involve reconstruction of nearly 300-feet of the three-lane carriageway and will be carried out in three stages to maintain through traffic during the construction period.

The project, designed by the Highways Division of the Public Works Department, will begin in February 1974, and will take about four months to complete.

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NEW IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN SHAU KEI WAN

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Another immigration branch office was opened today in conformity with the Immigration Department's policy of providing the public with adequate and convenient immigration facilities in a comfortable environment, in their own neighbourhood.

The new branch office is located at G24-25, Tai On Building, 57-87 Shau Kei Wan Road and will provide a full range of immigration services, to residents in Shau Kei Wan, Chai Wan and North Point.

Speaking at the official opening ceremony this morning, the Director of Immigration, Mr. W.E. Collard, noted that this was the third branch office to be opened this year.

Another one would come into operation in Yuen Long early next month, he said, while arrangements were in hand to open a similar office at Sham Shui Po, probably in February.

"We are also preparing a long-term programme for the provision of immigration facilities, as the need arises, in other parts of Hong Kong, such as the new towns at Shatin and Tuen Mun," Mr. Collard said.

Mr. Cheung Kam-tim, Chairman of Shau Kei Wan Kaifong Welfare Association, who performed the opening ceremony, said that the advent of the operation of immigration service in the area indicated that the government had already taken a further step towards the promotion of greater interest in the betterment of the fellow-residents of Shau Kei Wan and the community in general.

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1,000 LIFE SAVERS IN TIME TO COME

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Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung, President of the Hong Kong Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society, tonight commended the aim of the Auxiliary Medical Service to train eventually 1,000 life savers, and he had no doubt this target would be achieved.

He was speaking at a dinner in the Hong Kong Life Guard Club to celebrate the winning of the Governor's Shield by the A.M.S.

Sir Kenneth, himself a member of the A.M.S., was welcomed by Dr. G.H. Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services and Controller of the A.M.S.

Sir Kenneth said in winning the coveted Shield, the A.M.S. had shown what a sound training it had received from those charged with putting its members into shape.

He urged A.M.S. members to push ahead from strength to strength, "winning fresh laurels through the years, and serving with undiminished energy the community for which you are well known."

Dr. Choa told the gathering that as Controller he was "delighted and very proud that the A.M.S. had won the Governor's Shield this year, and also obtained second place for the Urban Services Department's shield."

He thanked members for having worked hard and unselfishly in the interest of the community, and he noted with pleasure that the life-saving team had now become "a strong unit within the Auxiliary Medical Service."

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NEW WORKSHOP BLOCK AT SHEK KIP MEI

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A nine-storey workshop block will be built at Shek Kip Mei Estate to accommodate the light industries affected by the Shek Kip Mei Rehousing Scheme.

The workshop block will be situated to the north of existing Block 18 of the estate along Pak Tin Street Extension.

When completed in early 1975, the workshop building will provide 390 working units of about 260 square feet each. Facilities such as lifts and delivery parking spaces will also be provided.

Piling work is already in hand and the construction of the superstructure is expected to begin in March next year. It will take twelve months to complete.

According to a Housing Department spokesman there are 108 workshop trades operating in the Shek Kip Mei Estate -- mostly woodwork, rattan ware, or plastic toy making.

"Of these, 15 workshops were affected in the early phase of the rehousing operation and have been temporarily accommodated in Lower Pak Tin Estate and block 17 of Shek Kip Mei Estate.

"The location of the workshop block next to the estate is so chosen in order that these workshop operators will not encounter any inconvenience when they continue their business there," the spokesman explained. "After all the workshops have moved into the new block, they will no longer cause inconvenience to domestic tenants."

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

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The following prices were realized today (Monday) at sales under the Rice Control Scheme and at the Vegetable Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market and the Fish Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market at Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon:

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Rice

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>
<u>China Rice</u>		<u>Average</u>
See Hew - old crop	Good	1.65
- new crop		1.70
S.C.Jien - old crop	Good	1.58
Po Ngai	Good	No Sale
Tai Cho	Good	No Sale
<u>Thai Rice</u>	Good	1.52
100% Whole		
10-15% Broken	Good	1.50
A1 Super Extra	Good	1.45
A1 Super	Good	1.37
Whole Glutinous	Limited	1.52
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	1.60
<u>Australian Rice</u>	Good	1.52
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	Good	No Sale
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	Good	No Sale

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Marine Fish

<u>Species</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Golden Thread	Normal	4.5	2.2	3.5
Big-Eyes	Good	2.7	0.8	1.8
Squid	Normal	6.0	2.5	4.0
Hair-Tails	Good	2.2	1.2	1.3
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.5	1.3	2.0
Croakers	Normal	2.0	0.6	1.6
Conger-Pike-Eels	Normal	2.5	2.1	2.3
Melon Coat	Normal	2.5	1.5	2.0
Breans	Normal	5.5	4.5	3.2
Yellow Belly	Good	1.5	0.8	1.0
Mackerels	Good	3.6	2.2	3.0
Red Goat Fish	Good	2.2	0.5	1.3
Fork-Tail	Limited	1.6	0.8	1.3
Horse-Head	Limited	6.0	2.5	4.5
Melon Seed	Normal	3.5	1.5	2.5
Pomfrets	Scarce	8.0	6.0	7.0
Garoupas	Normal	7.0	6.5	5.5
Yellow Croaker	Scarce	5.8	5.0	5.5

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of

Locally Produced Vegetables

<u>Type</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Flowering cabbage	Limited	2.4	1.0	1.8
White cabbage	Normal	0.7	0.2	0.45
Chinese lettuce	Normal	0.6	0.2	0.40
Chinese kale	Normal	1.0	0.25	0.55
Spring onion	Normal	1.2	0.40	0.8
Spinach	Normal	1.6	0.70	1.20
Water cross	Normal	1.2	0.50	0.70
Leaf mustard cabbage	Scarce	0.60	0.20	0.40
Tomato	Scarce	2.20	1.20	1.60

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/picul)</u>
		(Average)
Pork	Normal	285

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