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Report Highlights:

Due to recent recalls by Hong Kong authorities of food products containing ethylene oxide (ETO), ATO Hong Kong reminds all U.S. exporters that ETO is not permitted in food products for sale in Hong Kong. To avoid unnecessary recalls and rejections of shipments to Hong Kong, U.S. exporters should carefully evaluate their ingredient lists and food processing operations to ensure that ETO is not present in products exported to Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) does not permit the use of ETO in food products. Hong Kong authorities classify ETO as a Group 1 carcinogen, which is a pesticide residue in the [Hong Kong's Food Regulation \(Cap. 132CM\)](#). Imported products found to contain ETO will be recalled and removed from commerce and may be denied entry to Hong Kong.

U.S. exporters to Hong Kong are cautioned to carefully evaluate their ingredient lists and food processing operations to ensure that ETO is not present in products exported to Hong Kong. For additional information on the import regulations and standards for U.S. products to Hong Kong, please see the [Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Export Certificate Report](#) and the [FAIRS Annual Country Report Annual](#).

For additional information on exporting U.S. food and agricultural products to Hong Kong, please contact the ATO office at ATOHongKong@state.gov.

Attachments:

No Attachments.