

Health Advice for the Trade and Industry Sector

Cargoes, Goods and Merchandise from Hong Kong Pose No Health Risk

As set out in the WHO Advisory of 11 April 2003 (hyperlink to WHO site at http://www.who.int/csr/sars/goods2003_04_10/en/), there is no epidemiological information to suggest that contact with goods, products or animals shipped from the SARS affected areas has been the source of SARS infection in humans.

In the Advisory of 24 June 2003 (hyperlink to WHO site at <http://www.who.int/csr/sars/travelupdate/en/>), WHO maintains that goods, products or animals from the SARS affected areas do not pose a risk to public health. No restrictions in this regard are recommended by the WHO. Hence, documents, letters, samples, goods or cargoes from Hong Kong do not require any special handling for protection against the disease.

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