

The street food consumption and food safety in Bangkok, Thailand

ABSTRACT

Street food defines as ready-to-eat food and drink sold by the seller on places such as streets, festival areas. Street food in Bangkok has played an important part in Bangkokian lifestyles because street food is inexpensive, convenient, delicious and universal when compared with the food sold in restaurants. It is not only the increment of street food consumer demand but also of street vendor in Bangkok. Street food is a typical part of the Bangkok experience. Wherever you go in the city, food stalls are plentiful and consumers will find a high concentration of them in busy areas. Some street vendors operate in groups, especially in local markets which means consumers can go to the same place every night and have a variety of meal choices. The street vendors in Bangkok sometimes operate from busy spots throughout the city, street limitation, market and traffic junction. Therefore, these foods are likely exposed to unsafe and unsanitary conditions. There are various factors taken into account when deciding on safety of street food products. This paper aims to provide information on street food consumption with general specification of street food and food safety