

**SFA's reply to CNA Talking Point on microplastics in bottled water, aired 10
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Microplastics are generally considered to be small plastic particles less than five millimeters in size. In recent years there have been more reports on microplastics in the air, dust, water, and food.

While microplastics is an emerging area of concern, the World Health Organisation and Food and Agriculture Organisation have indicated there is currently insufficient available data to fully understand its impact on human health. Currently, no country has imposed legislation to regulate microplastics in food products as there are multiple routes of human exposure.

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has conducted research surveys to collect baseline data on microplastics levels in bottled water. Thus far, the results indicate no cause for concern. SFA will continue to monitor the levels of microplastics in food and is also working with research partners to better understand the health risks associated with consumption of microplastics through food. SFA will also continue to monitor international scientific developments on the issue of microplastics and implement appropriate measures to safeguard the health of our consumers when necessary.

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