

# China seizes smuggled foreign meat

Chinese authorities have seized almost \$500m worth of smuggled frozen meat, some of it rotting and more than 40 years old. Concern over food safety has driven up demand for foreign meat, encouraging smugglers

## HOW ILLEGAL MEAT IS BROUGHT TO CHINA



**Hong Kong:**  
Imported meat subject to surveillance but not usually tested if destined for re-export

**1** Smugglers ship cheap foreign meat to **Hong Kong** in refrigerated containers

**2** Meat moved to mainland via **Vietnam**, where local residents are hired to drive it across border

**3** From **Changsha**, meat is distributed to sites around China – often in unrefrigerated vehicles, causing it to thaw

**June:** Authorities bust 14 gangs, leading to seizures of more than 100,000 tonnes of smuggled meat, including frozen chicken wings, beef and pork

