Evaluation the consumer’s knowledge and safety of ready to eat food and repeatedly used deep frying oil from food vendor market in Bangkok Metropolis

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In the research, the first objective, we studied on consumer's knowledge about food safety on purchasing ready to eat (RTE) food and fried food from food vendor market around Bangkok Metropolis, Thailand. For the second objective, we did random sampling and evaluated the safety of RTE in terms of microbiology quality and checked quality of repeatedly used deep frying oil from vendor market. The result of the first purpose; 500 studied samples were collected by multi-stage sampling; questionnaire was developed as the research tool. Data were analyzed and comprised of percentage, mean and chi-square. The result showed that most of consumers were female (63.6%), unmarried and staying alone (34.6%), obtained a Bachelor Degree (54.2%) and worked as company employee (26.0%). Consumer's knowledge for food safety was primarily sourced from television, while newspaper was the least. The result revealed significant relationships (pH0.05) between consumer's food safety knowledge on RTE and some social demographic variables (i.e., academic, occupation) and media exposure (i.e., fortnightly newspaper viewing exposure, brochure). Their food safety knowledge on fried food was also significantly associated with (pH0.05) radio viewing exposure, daily newspaper and brochure. The result of microbiological quality of RTE at food vendor market indicated that the quantity of \textit{E. coli} (98%), \textit{S. aureus} (78.0%) and \textit{Salmonella sp.} (6.0%) did not pass the general microbiological cooked food criteria. \textit{E. coli} and \textit{S. aureus} were found extremely high in chili paste, Thai salad and Sushi. Nevertheless, repeatedly used deep frying oils passed the standard criteria of acid value (68.0%) and peroxide value (94.0%), but failed in smoke point (88.0%). The saponification numbers of samples were between 160-170 mg KOH/g. There was only one sample detected with polar compound more than 25%.

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