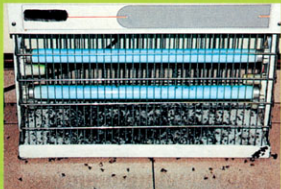
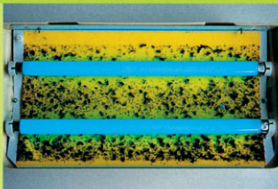


Getting to Know ...

HACCP & Pest Management



The possibility of houseflies bouncing off electric grids, makes the use of such Ultra-violet Light trap an unacceptable risk under HACCP for a food establishment.....



..... a glue-based model is preferred.



Should the UV-Light tube break, the fragments are scattered from the standard UV-Light tube but safely contained in the shatter-proof version, which is obviously preferred under HACCP.

Mankind has enjoyed many spin-offs from the Space Exploration Programme, and HACCP is one such benefit.

HACCP (pronounced as "has-sip") is the acronym for "Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point". It is a system first developed in the 1960's to ensure that foods supplied to the American astronauts under the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) programme are free of pathogens and toxins. It is not funny if you are down with food poisoning, some thousands of kilometres in outer space, floating in your sealed space suit!

Today, HACCP is a powerful management tool to identify areas of concern where failure has not been experienced, so that action can be taken to prevent such failure from happening. In a way it is similar to the "kiasu" syndrome but it goes beyond just emotion. It uses a multidisciplinary team of specialists to paint the worst scenario and come up with the appropriate preventive and corrective actions.

In pest management, especially involving food establishments, the risks are from:

- Microbiological Hazards,

- Physical Hazards, and
- Chemical Hazards.

Professional pest management employs an approach called Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which uses the knowledge of the biology and behaviour of the target pest to optimise control and reduce the use of pesticides through better sanitation, housekeeping and proofing practices.

Now HACCP, with its emphasis on a systematic and risk-minimising philosophy, will be a natural partner of IPM. Professional pest managers earnestly welcome this development.



If you need any help in setting up pest-related HACCP programmes, please contact Aardwolf Pestkare (Tel: 268 1771 for our 24-hour service). Our Surveyors will be very happy to advise you.