

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

In 2011-12, what are the plans to ensure that chilled poultry does not carry the avian influenza virus so as to safeguard food safety?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

Chilled poultry imported from the Mainland into Hong Kong must come from registered farms and processing plants. Each consignment of chilled poultry has to be accompanied by an official health certificate confirming that the products were derived from poultry free from avian influenza viruses. Furthermore, all chilled poultry have to be individually packaged and with no offal attached. In 2011-12, the above requirements will remain in place. The Department will also continue to conduct inspections of the registered farms and processing plants in the Mainland.

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