

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

In 2011-12, what are the plans by the Department to ensure vegetables imported to Hong Kong are safe for consumption? What is the estimated proportion of vehicles carrying imported vegetables to be inspected at Man Kam To? What is the estimated number of vegetable samples to be taken for testing?

Asked by: Hon. Tam Yiu-chung

Reply:

To ensure food safety, the Centre for Food Safety will continue to inspect Mainland vegetable farms and inbound food-carrying vehicles at the checkpoints, including vegetables trucks at Man Kam To Boundary Control Point. In 2011, we plan to inspect about 28 000 vegetable vehicles, which is about 30% of the vegetable vehicles passing through Man Kam To Boundary Control Point, and take about 13 000 vegetable samples for pesticide residues analysis.

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