

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 11):

Please advise on the number of Mainland processing plants supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong, the total import and average import price of Mainland chilled beef as well as the number of inspections to the Mainland chilled beef processing plants each year (i.e. in 2011, 2012 and 2013) since the introduction of Mainland chilled beef to Hong Kong.

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Reply:

In 2011, 2012 and 2013, the number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong was six, six and seven respectively. The quantity of Mainland chilled beef imported into Hong Kong was about 140 tonnes, 15 tonnes and two tonnes respectively.

According to the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled beef in 2011, 2012 and 2013 was \$28.2, \$34.0 and \$45.6 per catty respectively.

The number of inspections to the Mainland chilled beef processing plants in 2011, 2012 and 2013 was five, one and one respectively.