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Question (Member Question No. 9):

The number of farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong planned for inspection will drop to 65 in 2014, representing a decrease as compared to the actual number of 70 in 2013. Please advise on the reason(s) for the decrease.

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Reply:

A plan for inspecting farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong is drawn up every year using a risk-based approach. The plan is subject to adjustment taking into account the actual circumstances that transpire in the course of time. In 2012 and 2013, while the planned number of such farm inspections was 50 and 65 respectively, the actual number of inspections conducted was higher, at 75 and 70 respectively. In 2014, we keep the planned number of farm inspection at 65 as in 2013.