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Question:

Please advise on the number of samples taken from various fresh food wholesale markets for testing from 2012-13 to 2014-15, with a breakdown by food type and market, as well as the number of samples with test results exceeding the safety levels and the testing items (e.g. heavy metals, pesticide residues, etc.) involving exceedances.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

The number of food samples taken from fresh food wholesale markets from 2012 to 2014 is kept on a calendar year basis. The information requested is as follows -

Wholesale Food Market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2012	2013	2014
North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products	vegetable	0	7	2
Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	977	1 027	753
	poultry egg	138	159	202
	aquatic products	11	16	10
Western Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	863	844	566
	fruit	1 244	1 308	955
	poultry egg	98	111	175
	aquatic products	8	12	8
Vegetable	vegetable	25	28	138

Marketing Organization				
	Total	3 364	3 512	2 809

In 2012, a total of two samples of vegetables from wholesale food markets (one taken from the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market and another from the Western Wholesale Food Market) were found with Cadmium not meeting the relevant food safety standard. No food sample from wholesale food markets was found not meeting food safety standards in 2013. In 2014, a total of six samples of vegetables taken from wholesale food markets (all from the Vegetable Marketing Organization) were found with pesticide residues not meeting the relevant food safety standards.

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