

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

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, in each of 2013, 2014 and 2015 following the introduction of Mainland chilled beef to Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

The number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong was seven in each of the three years ending 2015.

According to the record of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the quantity of Mainland chilled beef imported into Hong Kong was about two tonnes in 2013 and 100 tonnes in 2014. There was no import of Mainland chilled beef into Hong Kong in 2015.

According to the figures released by the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled beef in 2013 and 2014 was \$45.6 and \$12.5 per catty respectively.

The number of inspections to Mainland chilled beef processing plants was one in each of the three years ending 2015.

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