

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB (FE)150****(Question Serial No. : 1252)**Head : (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme : (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

As annotated under the indicators of this Programme, "... samples (were) taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation level in connection with the Japan nuclear power plant incident in March 2011. The number of such samples was 72 549 in 2015 and 73 699 in 2016." In this connection, please advise on:

- (1) the number of samples taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation level in the past 3 years. With a breakdown by prefecture of origin in Japan;
- (2) the number of samples taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation level in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by food type; and
- (3) the quantity of Japanese food imports detected with excessive radiation levels in the past 3 years, and relevant details.

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 5)Reply:

- (1) The Centre for Food Safety has been testing the radiation levels of every consignment of food products imported from Japan since the Fukushima nuclear power plant incident in Japan in 2011. The number of samples taken from imported Japanese food for testing of radiation levels by prefectures of Japan in the past 3 years is tabulated below:

Prefectures of Japan	Number of samples		
	2014	2015	2016
Fukushima	124	92	136

Prefectures of Japan	Number of samples		
	2014	2015	2016
Ibaraki	576	1 013	1 217
Tochigi	463	595	745
Gunma	578	718	983
Chiba	916	1 065	1 126
Others	58 802	69 066	69 492
Total	61 459	72 549	73 699

- (2) The number of samples taken from imported Japanese food for testing of radiation levels by food types in the past 3 years is tabulated below:

Food types	Number of samples		
	2014	2015	2016
Vegetables	3 024	3 052	3 442
Fruits	2 891	4 496	6 278
Milk and milk beverage	473	534	546
Milk powder	89	216	216
Frozen confections	98	133	187
Aquatic products	11 488	12 101	12 136
Meat and meat products	2 152	2 057	1 987
Drinks	5 714	6 849	6 577
Others	35 530	43 111	42 330
Total	61 459	72 549	73 699

- (3) Of the samples taken from imported Japanese food in the past 3 years, none of them was tested to be unsatisfactory in terms of radiation levels. In fact, no samples were found unsatisfactory since the import restriction on Japanese food had taken effect.