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Question:

Please advise on the respective numbers of Mainland processing plants exporting chilled pork and chilled beef to Hong Kong, the total import and average import price of Mainland chilled pork and chilled beef, as well as the number of inspections to the relevant Mainland processing plants, in each of the past three years (i.e. 2015, 2016 and 2017).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 14)

Reply:

In 2015, 2016 and 2017, the number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong was 5, 6 and 6 respectively, while the number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong was 7 in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

According to the figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department, the quantity of Mainland chilled pork imported into Hong Kong was about 8 450 tonnes, 7 625 tonnes and 6 680 tonnes in 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively, while there was no importation of Mainland chilled beef into Hong Kong in the past 3 years.

According to the figures released by the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled pork in 2015, 2016 and 2017 was \$16.7, \$18.2 and \$17.3 per catty respectively.

In 2015, 2016 and 2017, the number of inspections to Mainland chilled pork processing plants was 5, 5 and 4 respectively, while the number of inspections to Mainland chilled beef processing plants was 1, 1 and 0 respectively.

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