

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)337****(Question Serial No. 3782)**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:

Please list in tabular form the respective quantities of fruits, vegetables and other food items imported through various control points in the past 5 years, and the number of samples taken by the Centre for Food Safety from each food type.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 80)Reply:

The quantities of food imported to Hong Kong in the past 5 years are as follows -

Year \ Food	2013 (tonnes)	2014 (tonnes)	2015 (tonnes)	2016 (tonnes)	2017 (tonnes)
Rice	346 203	346 309	330 510	330 030	334 415
Vegetables	826 107	819 198	829 530	852 913	887 545
Fruits	1 525 168	1 613 082	1 626 453	1 679 663	1 712 172
^Live cattle	19 153	18 602	17 911	17 493	17 338
^Live goats	6 472	5 371	4 381	3 396	3 465
^Live pigs	1 575 810	1 624 926	1 583 398	1 439 568	1 455 379
^Live chickens	2 301 900	912 300	61 300 [#]	32 000*	0*
^Other live poultry	959 878	327 056	465 305	590 598	76 720
Live fish	91 906	89 272	101 844	68 265	61 796
Chilled beef	6 565	7 774	7 835	7 937	7 972
Frozen beef	322 383	400 562	280 956	350 675	379 472
Chilled mutton	708	617	526	581	665
Frozen mutton	17 252	18 475	5 797	3 979	8 621
Chilled pork	9 670	8 977	9 123	9 968	10 751
Frozen pork	226 956	228 713	244 463	331 847	348 621
Chilled chicken	37 649	39 898	48 754	57 627	62 245
Frozen chicken	685 444	811 985	636 739	674 129	672 910
Chilled poultry	69 307	70 208	80 451	89 051	93 732

Frozen poultry	749 912	879 386	700 997	777 887	734 924
Chilled and frozen fish	120 463	127 525	128 754	119 125	115 070

^ The unit is heads / number instead of tonnes.

Import of live chickens from the Mainland was last suspended as from 31 December 2014 due to the temporary closure of the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) after the detection of a H7 avian influenza positive consignment of imported live poultry. Trading of live poultry at CSWTWPM resumed on 22 January 2015. However, there was no import of live poultry until 10 February 2015 and the import quantity has since been significantly reduced compared to the average in the past.

* There has been no import of live chickens from the Mainland since 17 February 2016.

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep food imports statistics broken down by control point.

CFS collects food samples at import, wholesale and retail levels. Under CFS' food surveillance programme, the number of food samples taken in the past 5 years are as below -

Food group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Vegetables, fruits and related products	27 000	26 600	29 700	30 800	29 900
Meat, poultry and related products	6 600	7 000	6 300	5 300	6 300
Aquatic products and related products	6 500	6 700	5 800	5 600	5 900
Milk, milk products and frozen confections	8 000	8 200	7 900	9 500	9 800
Cereals and cereal products	1 400	1 400	2 900	3 200	3 500
Others	15 200	14 100	11 700	11 100	11 800
Total**	64 700	64 100	64 300	65 500	67 100

** Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

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