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Question:

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) advises the public to purchase foods of animal origin from reliable retailers. Does the CFS maintain a list of such retailers for public reference? If yes, what are the criteria for drawing up the list and the monitoring measures of the Government?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 623)

Reply:

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) has been advising the public to purchase foods of animal origin from reliable retailers. It is a general piece of advice to the public. CFS does not consider it appropriate for it to come up with a recommended list of retailers, given its role as a food safety regulator. As a matter of fact, retailers should ensure that the food they sell is fit for human consumption and meets CFS' standards and requirements.

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