

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

With regard to Reply Serial No. FHB(FE)209, please advise this Committee of the following:

The reason(s) for the decrease in the number of fresh vegetable vehicles inspected by the Centre for Food Safety and the Customs and Excise Department at Man Kam To Control Point by 7.9% in 2017 as compared to 2016.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) takes food samples at the import, wholesale and retail levels and adopts a risk-based principle in determining the types of samples to be collected, the sampling frequency, the sample size, and the types of laboratory analysis to be conducted. CFS reviews and adjusts the sampling strategy from time to time to ensure food safety.

Apart from inspection of vegetables at the Man Kam To Food Control Point, CFS also conducts surveillance checks at the retail level. The total number of vegetable and fruit samples taken at these levels for testing remained generally around 30 000 in the past few years, with a satisfaction rate of over 99.5%.

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