

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)095****(Question Serial No. 1266)**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 advise this Committee on:

1. the total quantities of livestock and poultry, and the respective quantities of fresh/chilled/frozen meat and poultry imported into Hong Kong over the past 3 years, with a list of countries of origin showing the quantities of these imports; and
2. the number of samples of imported fresh/chilled/frozen livestock and poultry collected by the Department for testing in the past 3 years, the number of samples detected with irregularities and the details.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)Reply:

1. The total quantities of livestock, poultry, meat and poultry meat imported into Hong Kong in 2016, 2017 and 2018 are as follows -

2016

	Quantities imported (tonnes)						
	Top 5 economies					Others	Total
^Live cattle	Mainland 17 493	-	-	-	-	-	17 493
^Live goats	Mainland 3 396	-	-	-	-	-	3 396
^Live pigs	Mainland 1 439 568	-	-	-	-	-	1 439 568
^Live chickens	Mainland 32 000	-	-	-	-	-	32 000
^Other live poultry	Mainland 590 598	-	-	-	-	-	590 598

Chilled beef	Australia 3 669	USA 2 306	Brazil 758	Japan 426	New Zealand 393	385	7 937
Frozen beef	Brazil 194 694	USA 96 348	Canada 21 324	UK 3 970	Ireland 3 936	30 403	350 675
Chilled mutton	Australia 360	New Zealand 175	UK 32	France 10	USA 1	3	581
Frozen mutton	New Zealand 1 611	Mainland 1 171	Australia 829	UK 208	Ireland 104	56	3 979
Chilled pork	Mainland 7 625	Brazil 1 123	USA 411	Canada 316	Australia 309	184	9 968
Frozen pork	Brazil 121 996	USA 52 684	Mainland 35 003	Germany 25 315	Netherlands 18 978	77 871	331 847
Chilled poultry	Mainland 88 161	Thailand 591	Australia 202	France 68	Australasia & Oceania, Nesoi 12	17	89 051
Frozen poultry	USA 295 753	Brazil 286 055	Mainland 64 169	Poland 20 490	UK 15 852	95 568	777 887

2017

	Quantities imported (tonnes)						
	Top 5 economies					Others	Total
^Live cattle	Mainland 17 338	-	-	-	-	-	17 338
^Live goats	Mainland 3 465	-	-	-	-	-	3 465
^Live pigs	Mainland 1 455 379	-	-	-	-	-	1 455 379
^Live chickens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
^Other live poultry	Mainland 76 720	-	-	-	-	-	76 720
Chilled beef	Australia 3 813	USA 2 214	Japan 553	Brazil 545	New Zealand 376	471	7 972
Frozen beef	Brazil 212 796	USA 94 272	Canada 16 718	Ireland 10 523	UK 8 714	36 449	379 472
Chilled mutton	Australia 402	New Zealand 185	UK 66	France 7	Ireland 3	2	665
Frozen mutton	Australia 3 301	New Zealand 2 031	Mainland 1 285	Spain 619	UK 459	926	8 621
Chilled pork	Mainland 6 680	Brazil 2 856	Australia 344	Canada 342	Spain 206	323	10 751
Frozen pork	Brazil 98 013	USA 60 056	Mainland 42 719	Germany 40 974	Netherlands 24 514	82 345	348 621

Chilled poultry	Mainland 92 513	Thailand 828	Australia 274	France 94	Western Europe Nesoi 8	15	93 732
Frozen poultry	USA 293 696	Brazil 260 879	Mainland 63 620	Poland 24 039	France 13 508	79 182	734 924

2018

	Quantities of food imported (tonnes)						
	Top 5 economies					Others	Total
^Live cattle	Mainland 17 162	-	-	-	-	-	17 162
^Live goats	Mainland 3 513	-	-	-	-	-	3 513
^Live pigs	Mainland 1 468 150	-	-	-	-	-	1 468 150
^Live chickens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
^Other live poultry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chilled beef	Australia 4 088	USA 2 973	Brazil 1 487	New Zealand 444	Japan 433	472	9 897
Frozen beef	Brazil 269 750	USA 92 143	Canada 15 812	UK 9 877	Ireland 8 796	27 804	424 182
Chilled mutton	Australia 325	New Zealand 217	UK 63	Mainland 29	Ireland 12	14	660
Frozen mutton	Australia 2 894	New Zealand 1 898	Mainland 1 148	UK 598	Ireland 570	942	8 050
Chilled pork	Mainland 5 421	Brazil 3 118	Canada 365	Spain 318	Australia 316	271	9 809
Frozen pork	Brazil 108 741	Mainland 33 265	USA 29 797	Netherlands 15 525	Germany 13 024	40 229	240 581
Chilled poultry	Mainland 90 812	Thailand 993	Australia 295	France 63	UK 47	52	92 262
Frozen poultry	USA 274 854	Brazil 223 571	Mainland 60 179	Poland 22 072	UK 10 585	75 959	667 220

^ The unit is “heads / number” instead of “tonnes”.

2. From 2016 to 2018, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) collected more than 4 200 samples of meat, poultry meat and their products at the import level for chemical analysis (including analysis of veterinary drug residues, preservatives, etc). Except one chilled goose sample taken in 2018 which was detected to have veterinary drug residue of

doxycycline exceeding the legal limit, all other samples were found satisfactory. CFS made public the unsatisfactory test result and took follow-up actions accordingly.

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