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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 3 years (i.e. 2016, 2017 and 2018).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

There were 6 Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled pork and 7 Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong for 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively.

According to the figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), about 7 625 tonnes, 6 680 tonnes and 5 421 tonnes of Mainland chilled pork were imported into Hong Kong in 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively. There was no import of Mainland chilled beef into Hong Kong from 2016 to 2018.

According to the figures released by the C&SD, the average import price of Mainland chilled pork in 2016, 2017 and 2018 was \$18.2, \$17.3 and \$16.6 per catty respectively.

In 2016, 2017 and 2018, the Centre for Food Safety inspected 5, 4 and 3 of Mainland chilled pork processing plants, and 1, 0 and 1 of Mainland chilled beef processing plants respectively.

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