

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)337****(Question Serial No. 5764)**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:

- (a) Please advise on the number of vehicle trips declared for carrying vegetables to Hong Kong over the past 5 years? What were the vehicle types concerned (e.g. 5.5-ton box trucks, van-type light goods vehicles, etc.)?
- (b) What were the respective quantities of vegetables carried by each type of vehicles?

Vehicle type	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Number of trips declared	Quantity of vegetables carried to Hong Kong (tonnes)	Number of trips declared	Quantity of vegetables carried to Hong Kong (tonnes)	Number of trips declared	Quantity of vegetables carried to Hong Kong (tonnes)	Number of trips declared	Quantity of vegetables carried to Hong Kong (tonnes)	Number of trips declared	Quantity of vegetables carried to Hong Kong (tonnes)
5.5-ton box trucks										
Van-type light goods vehicles										
Others (please specify):										

- (c) What was the number of inspections conducted on each type of vehicles? How many cases of irregularities were identified?

Vehicle	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018

type	Number of inspections	Number of irregular cases	Number of inspections	Number of irregular cases	Number of inspections	Number of irregular cases	Number of inspections	Number of irregular cases	Number of inspections	Number of irregular cases
5.5-ton box trucks										
Van-type light goods vehicles										
Others (please specify):										

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference Number: 130)

Reply:

According to the data provided by the Census and Statistics Department, the amount of vegetables imported from the Mainland to Hong Kong in the past 5 years is as follows –

Year	2013 (tonnes)	2014 (tonnes)	2015 (tonnes)	2016 (tonnes)	2017 (tonnes)	2018 (tonnes)
Vegetables	761 636	756 685	765 533	789 345	821 781	844 367

The numbers of inspections of goods vehicles carrying imported vegetables from the Mainland by the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past 5 years are as follows –

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of inspections of goods vehicles carrying imported vegetables from the Mainland	34 736	33 898	33 643	28 004	24 415

The numbers of vegetable samples taken by CFS at the Man Kam To Control Point (MKTCP) for routine food surveillance and the numbers of samples with unsatisfactory results are as follows –

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of vegetable samples taken at MKTCP	14 656	16 229	16 157	16 283	15 643
Number of samples with unsatisfactory results	12	46	26	12	14

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