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Question:

In 2018, the Government relaxed import control on all vegetables, fruits, milk, milk beverages and dried milk from 4 Japanese prefectures, namely Ibaraki, Tochigi, Chiba and Gunma. What are the types and quantities of food products imported into Hong Kong from each of the 4 prefectures? How many samples of these food products are taken for testing and how many of them are detected with irregularities?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

With effect from noon on 24 July 2018, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department allows the import into and supply within Hong Kong vegetables, fruits, milk, milk beverages and dried milk from Ibaraki, Tochigi, Chiba and Gunma Prefectures of Japan on the conditions that the food products concerned are accompanied by a radiation certificate and an exporter certificate issued by the competent authority of Japan.

As at 31 March 2019, 23 consignments of 3 353 kilograms (kg) of the food products concerned were imported from the 4 prefectures, with breakdown by the types and quantities of food as follows –

Food type	Quantities (kg)				Total quantities (kg)
	Chiba	Tochigi	Gunma	Ibaraki	
Fruits	240	1 821	204	772	3 037
Vegetables	0	0	65	250	315
Dried milk	0	0	1	0	1
Total					3 353

CFS made use of the hand-held survey meters to check the radiation levels of each of those consignments and collected 38 food samples on a risk-based approach for laboratory testing. No radiation was detected.

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