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Question:

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.: 30)

Reply:

1. The total quantities of livestock, poultry, meat and poultry meat imported into Hong Kong in 2017, 2018 and 2019 are as follows:

2017

	Quantities imported (tonnes)						Total
	Top 5 economies					Others	
^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 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

2019

	Quantities imported (tonnes)						
	Top 5 economies					Others	Total
^Live cattle	Mainland 15 295	-	-	-	-	-	15 295
^Live goats	Mainland 1 594	-	-	-	-	-	1 594
^Live pigs	Mainland 843 422	-	-	-	-	-	843 422
^Live chickens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

^Other live poultry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chilled beef	Brazil 5 758	Australia 3 857	USA 2 805	Japan 519	New Zealand 439	606	13 984
Frozen beef	Brazil 186 755	USA 73 659	Canada 15 486	UK 10 372	Ireland 8 214	30 965	325 451
Chilled mutton	Australia 286	New Zealand 249	UK 59	Ireland 10	France 6	0	610
Frozen mutton	Australia 3 231	New Zealand 1 896	Mainland 992	Ireland 906	UK 841	471	8 337
Chilled pork	Mainland 7 411	Thailand 3 837	Brazil 2 317	Australia 724	Spain 550	1 011	15 850
Frozen pork	Brazil 97 879	Mainland 18 782	Netherlands 16 153	Vietnam 11 494	USA 10 837	29 615	184 760
Chilled poultry	Mainland 101 288	Thailand 1 292	USA 686	Australia 296	New Zealand 121	165	103 848
Frozen poultry	USA 257 973	Brazil 195 212	Mainland 57 614	Poland 17 719	France 14 027	74 980	617 525

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

2. From 2017 to 2019, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department collected more than 4 400 samples of meat, poultry meat and their products at the import level for chemical analysis (including analysis of veterinary drug residues, preservatives, etc). In 2018, 1 chilled goose sample was detected to have veterinary drug residue of doxycycline exceeding the legal limit. In 2019, 1 Giant Salamander sample and 1 chilled beef sample were detected with veterinary drug residues of malachite green and chloramphenicol respectively. Apart from these, all other samples were found satisfactory. CFS has made public the unsatisfactory test results and taken follow-up actions accordingly.

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