

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)077****(Question Serial No. 2594)**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:

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) has been sending officers to conduct site visits to places of food exports, including overseas countries. Please set out in tabular form the countries visited by the CFS officers in the past 3 years, the sources of food covered and details of the visits. Have any public health or food safety incidents been identified? Were the incidents minor or major in nature? Please provide the details and dates of the incidents and the rectifications made.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)Reply:

The types and numbers of Mainland and overseas farms inspected by the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department from 2017 to 2019 are as follows:

Year	Vegetable farm	Orchard	Poultry farm	Pig farm	Cattle farm	Aquatic animal farm	Poultry egg farm	Reindeer farm	Total
2017	18	1	28	10	8	7	2	0	74
2018	7	8	18	8	9	16	0	1	67
2019	12	8	19	12	8	9	0	0	68

The types and numbers of Mainland and overseas food processing plants inspected by CFS during the same period are as follows:

Year	Poultry meat processing plant	Pork processing plant	Beef processing plant	Egg processing plant	Deer processing plant	Vegetables and fruits processing plant	Other food processing plant	Total
2017	35	9	10	3	0	3	8	68
2018	33	6	4	0	1	4	3	51
2019	32	12	6	0	0	5	1	56

The regions where the above farms and food processing plants were located are as follows:

Year	Location
2017	The Mainland, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia and Brazil
2018	The Mainland, USA, New Zealand, Russia, Estonia and Norway
2019	The Mainland, Thailand, Czech Republic, Portugal and Philippines

The main items of the above visits by CFS include production management of the farms, farm hygiene and biosecurity measures adopted, use and storage of pesticides/veterinary drugs, surveillance test results and traceability of farm production records. The overall results of inspections were satisfactory.

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