

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)094****(Question Serial No. 2813)**

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Question:

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) has been sending officers to conduct site visits to places of food exports as part of its risk assessment on imported foods. As Mainland China is the only place supplying live pigs to Hong Kong, please advise this Committee on the details of the visits conducted by the CFS on Mainland pig farms.

- (a) Please provide the provinces with pig farms visited by the CFS and the frequency of visit in 2017, 2018 and 2019, with a breakdown by month.
- (b) Have the regulatory regimes of different provinces, their implementation at farms and disease control and prevention been covered in the visits? If yes, please provide the details.
- (c) Have any public health or food safety incidents, whether serious or not, been identified during site visits in the past? If yes, please provide the provinces with such incidents recorded, the dates and details of the incidents and the rectifications made.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 2033)

Reply:

- (a) The respective number of pig farms visited by the Centre for Food Safety (CFS), with a breakdown by month and province, in 2017, 2018 and 2019 is listed below:

	2017	2018	2019
April	-	2 (Hubei)	-
May	-	-	2 (Shandong and Gansu)
June	1 (Hainan)	3 (Jiangxi)	2 (Guangdong and Hainan)

July	-	-	3 (Guangdong)
August	1 (Henan)	-	1 (Hubei)
September	1 (Guangdong)	-	-
October	1 (Hunan)	-	1 (Hubei)
November	3 (Guangdong)	1 (Guangdong)	2 (Hunan)
December	1 (Guangdong)	1 (Guangdong)	-
Total	8	7	11

Note: Site visits usually start in the second quarter of the year.

- (b) The main items of CFS visits to Mainland farms supplying food to Hong Kong include production management of the farms, farm hygiene and biosecurity measures adopted, use and storage of veterinary drugs, surveillance test results and traceability of farm production records.
- (c) The overall results of visits to Mainland farms supplying foods to Hong Kong from 2017 to 2019 were satisfactory.

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