

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)085****(Question Serial No. 2662)**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 Diane WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise this Committee of:

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 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.: 27)Reply:

1. The total quantities of livestock, poultry, meat and poultry meat imported into Hong Kong in 2018, 2019 and 2020 are as follows:

2018

	Quantities imported (tonnes)						Total
	Top 5 economies					Others	
^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)						Total
	Top 5 economies					Others	
^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

2020

	Quantities imported (tonnes)						Total
	Top 5 economies					Others	
^Live cattle	Mainland 14 626		-	-	-	-	14 626
^Live goats	Mainland 1 429		-	-	-	-	1 429
^Live pigs	Mainland 638 138		-	-	-	-	638 138
^Live chickens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
^Other live poultry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Chilled beef	Australia 4 150	Brazil 3 747	USA 2 717	Japan 634	Argentina 520	790	12 558
Frozen beef	Brazil 173 035	USA 63 297	India 24 482	Canada 11 469	UK 7 367	40 995	320 645
Chilled mutton	Australia 290	New Zealand 288	UK 42	Ireland 7	France 4	2	633
Frozen mutton	Australia 3 194	New Zealand 2 589	UK 897	Mainland 669	Ireland 253	205	7 807
Chilled pork	Thailand 19 211	Australia 2 879	Mainland 2 829	USA 1 783	Brazil 1 667	2 377	30 746
Frozen pork	Brazil 110 391	Netherlands 13 102	Germany 13 083	Poland 11 715	Mainland 10 522	38 778	197 591
Chilled poultry	Mainland 99 846	Thailand 1 682	USA 737	Australia 276	New Zealand 126	243	102 910
Frozen poultry	Brazil 155 856	USA 77 035	Mainland 58 068	Vietnam 16 817	Poland 13 500	82 564	403 840

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

2. From 2018 to 2020, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department collected more than 4 600 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. In 2020, 1 frozen suckling pig sample was detected to have veterinary drug residue of enrofloxacin exceeding the legal limit. Apart from these, all other samples were found satisfactory. The CFS has made public the unsatisfactory test results and taken follow-up actions accordingly.

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