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Question:

Please advise this Committee of the number of Mainland processing plants supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong, the total import and average import price of Mainland chilled pork, as well as the number of inspections to the Mainland chilled pork processing plants, in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2018, 2019 and 2020).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

There were 6, 7 and 7 Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively.

According to the figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department, about 5 421 tonnes, 7 411 tonnes and 2 829 tonnes of Mainland chilled pork were imported into Hong Kong in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively. The average import price of Mainland chilled pork was \$16.6, \$20.8 and \$19.7 per catty in the respective years.

In 2018 and 2019, the Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department inspected 3 and 5 Mainland chilled pork processing plants respectively. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, questionnaire surveys were conducted on 3 processing plants in lieu of inspections.

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