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Question :

How many Mainland processing plants supply chilled pork to Hong Kong at present ? What was the number of inspections conducted to the above plants in 2008 and how much manpower and expenditure were required for this purpose ?

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Reply :

At present, there are four processing plants in the Mainland approved for supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong. Of these, three processing plants are active exporters whereas the remaining one has not supplied chilled pork to Hong Kong since mid 2007.

In 2008-09, officers of the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) conducted three inspections on the three active chilled pork processing plants, one on each plant.

The estimated expenditure for the work on import control in 2008-09 is \$84.3 million. Separate breakdown on the resources and manpower provided specifically for inspecting processing plants of chilled pork is not readily available.

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