

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**EEB(F)167****(Question Serial No. 3956)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Donald NG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and EcologyQuestion:

It has been reported that many members of the public have brought regulated food into Hong Kong from the Mainland or overseas illegally, and there have even been activities of cross-boundary purchase of such food by agents. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

1. the number of cases of members of the public bringing regulated food into Hong Kong illegally in each month of the past 2 years and, among them, the number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)Reply:

1. Regarding inbound persons illegally bringing regulated food into Hong Kong, the number of non-compliance cases referred by the Customs and Excise Department to the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, as well as the number of prosecutions instituted by CFS under the Imported Game, Meat, Poultry and Eggs Regulations (Cap. 132AK) in the past 2 years (i.e. 2023 and 2024) are set out below:

Month	2023		2024	
	Number of non-compliance cases	Number of prosecutions*	Number of non-compliance cases	Number of prosecutions*
January	19	23	111	124
February	74	85	79	93
March	85	106	119	141
April	100	118	122	145
May	98	116	90	102
June	81	89	254	301
July	72	84	217	252
August	81	97	187	210

Month	2023		2024	
	Number of non-compliance cases	Number of prosecutions*	Number of non-compliance cases	Number of prosecutions*
September	89	104	193	227
October	95	115	133	154
November	91	108	127	150
December	62	72	131	149
Total	947	1 117	1 763	2 048

* If a single non-compliance case involves more than one type of food, namely (1) meat and poultry, (2) eggs and (3) game, it constitutes breaches of different regulations under Cap. 132AK, and more than one prosecution shall be instituted accordingly.

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