

(5) Provision of detailed breakdown of antibiotic tests for food samples

**Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Samples taken for detection of antibiotics
from 1.1.1998 – 19.11.2001**

Food Category	No. of Samples
(a) Meat and meat products (including snake)	445 (5)*
(b) Milk and milk products	508 (2) [@]
(c) Aquatic products (including hairy crab, eel and other fresh water fish)	182 (0)
Total	1,135 (7)

() Unsatisfactory sample

* Sulfonamides (a group of restricted antibiotics) in excess of Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) were detected in 5 meat samples. The chemicals were not detected in follow-up samples after warnings and supervision were given.

@ Low level of chloramphenicol (a prohibited antibiotic) was detected in one milk sample and oxytetracycline (a restricted antibiotic) slightly in excess of the MRL in another. The chemicals were not detected in follow-up samples after warnings and supervision were given.