

Vehicles Carrying Fresh Food from the Mainland to Hong Kong

At present, southbound goods vehicles carrying fresh food (including live fish and frozen food) may use any of the three boundary control points for crossing. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department have inspection offices at these three boundary control points and their resources are deployed to each control point according to the vehicle load. We understand that the Mainland centres their inspection and quarantine services at Man Kam To hence the majority of goods vehicles carrying fresh food enters Hong Kong via the Man Kam To Control Point. The current distribution of traffic is as follows: Man Kam To, 90%; Lok Ma Chau, 8% and Sha Tau Kok, 2%. Any change to the present pattern will require corresponding adjustment of inspection facilities on the Mainland side.

2. A number of administrative arrangements have been introduced to relieve traffic pressure at Man Kam To. Some vehicles carrying non-leafy vegetables can cross through the Sha Tau Kok crossing. Vehicles carrying pre-packaged food, canned food, fresh milk and roasted meat can cross through the Lok Ma Chau crossing. These arrangements have been agreed with the Mainland side.