

[Item 1 under List of Follow-up Actions]

LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Information Note

Mainland's poultry eggs exported to USA

At the special meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 30 November 2006, Members requested the Administration to provide information on the control measures put in place for the Mainland's poultry eggs exported to the USA.

2. According to the Animal Product Manual of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture, eggs (other than hatching eggs) from poultry, game birds, or other birds may be imported if they are accompanied by a certificate signed by a salaried veterinarian of the national government of the region of origin. More stringent measures may however apply depending on the disease situation of the region of origin. According to APHIS, China is regarded as a country affected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza as at 14 April 2011. Importation of edible eggs must be accompanied by a permit issued by the Veterinary Services of APHIS. In 2010, the total import of edible eggs from the Mainland amounted to about 24 million.

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