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Clerk to Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Mrs Sharon TONG)

(Fax: 2509 9055)

Dear Mrs TONG,

**LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Follow up to meeting on 8 March 2011**

We would like to provide additional information on the results of food surveillance for 2010 as requested by Members at the above meeting, as follows -

(a) the number of sushi and sashimi samples collected for testing last year :

In 2010, 583 sashimi and 604 sushi samples were taken for microbiological examination and all samples were found satisfactory. Among them, 600 were taken from restaurants, 421 from supermarkets, 137 from food factories, and the remaining 29 from other premises.

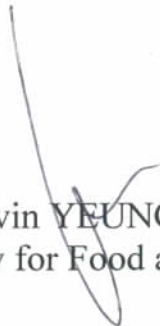
(b) the number of prosecutions against non-compliant cases in the past two to three years :

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) took out 217, 193 and 129 prosecution cases on unsatisfactory samples detected in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively.

(c) information concerning the exporting countries of the aquatic products and vegetables samples containing excessive metallic contaminants :

In 2010, CFS detected 13 aquatic products and ten vegetable samples containing excessive metallic contaminants (mercury and cadmium) imported from various places. The breakdown of their exporting places is **Annex**.

Yours sincerely,


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for Secretary for Food and Health

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Annex

Metallic Contaminant	Food Group	Number of unsatisfactory samples	Exporting Place								
			Mainland	Macau	USA	Italy	Singapore	Philippines	Australia	Japan	Unknown Source
Mercury	Aquatic products	8	-	1	1	2	1	2	-	-	1
Cadmium	Vegetables	10	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	Aquatic products	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	2
	Total	23	7	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	5