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Dear Mrs Tong,

**The Proposed Imported Game, Meat, Poultry and Poultry Egg Regulation  
Made under the Food Safety Ordinance**

At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene held on 17 May 2011, members enquired whether the health authority of Taiwan is one of the "competent authorities" under the existing *Imported Game, Meat and Poultry Regulations* (Cap. 132AK), and whether it will be included in the proposed new regulation as a recognised "competent authority".

Under Regulation 2 of Cap. 132AK, "competent authority" means any authority, having power under the laws in force in any country to examine articles of food and to certify as to their fitness for human consumption, which is for the time being recognised by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (DFEH) for the purpose of Cap. 132AK. At present, the health authority of Taiwan is not a "competent authority" recognised by DFEH under Cap. 132AK.

We intend to make a new Regulation under the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612) to replace the existing Cap 132AK. Under the new Regulation, the definition of "competent authority" will be expanded by replacing "country" with "place". After the new Regulation has come into effect, if the health authority of any place fulfils the requirements of DFEH, including those for veterinary infrastructure, animal disease situation, food hygiene and traceability system, and also demonstrates that an effective and sustainable regulatory regime is in force to ensure food safety, DFEH will actively consider recognising it as a "competent authority" under the Regulation.

Yours sincerely,

( Kevin Yeung )

for Secretary for Food and Health