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(Attn.: Mr Jove Chan)

Dear Mr Chan,

**Follow-up action arising from the discussion at the
Panel meeting on 10 June 2014**

Supply of live cattle in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting held on 10 June 2014, the Panel requested the Administration to provide information on the wholesale and retail prices of the following in 2012, 2013 and 2014 –

- (i) fresh beef imported from the Mainland; and
- (ii) frozen beef imported from other countries (including Australia, Brazil, Canada, New Zealand and the US).

The information sought is set out at Annexes A and B respectively.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Jeanne CHENG)
for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. C&SD, FEHD

Annex A

**Wholesale and retail prices of fresh beef imported
from the Mainland**

The wholesale prices of live cattle imported from the Mainland (i.e. the prices of live cattle paid by live cattle buyers to live cattle import agent) and the retail prices of fresh beef in 2012, 2013 and 2014 are set out in the table below.

Year	Average wholesale price		Average retail price of fresh beef, best quality [#] (\$/kg)
	marbled meat cattle* (\$/picul)	beef cattle* (\$/picul)	
2012	3,601	3,291	127.4
2013	4,497	4,093	155.7
2014 ⁺	4,690	4,070	155.6

* The wholesale prices of live cattle are provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department based on the information reported by the import agent of live cattle (i.e. Ng Fung Hong).

The average retail prices of fresh beef are provided by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD). The price information is published in C&SD's Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics. In the calculation of the average prices, the country of origin of the food items is not specified.

+ Based on the information as at June 2014.

Annex B

**Wholesale and retail prices of frozen beef imported
from other countries (including Australia, Brazil, Canada,
New Zealand and the US)**

We do not have available statistics on the average retail price of frozen beef. We also do not have the wholesale prices as such, but we have derived the import unit value of frozen beef based on the nominal value and quantity reported in trade declarations for the imported frozen beef from these origins. Statistics for 2012, 2013 and 2014 are set out in the table below.

Year	Average import unit value [@] of frozen beef from the following origins				
	Australia (\$/kg)	Brazil (\$/kg)	Canada (\$/kg)	New Zealand (\$/kg)	US (\$/kg)
2012	34.0	27.7	26.4	47.5	36.7
2013	36.7	31.1	32.2	47.8	41.1
2014 [^]	34.4	33.1	45.5	46.7	42.0

[@] Information is provided by the Census and Statistics Department, sourced from trader's import declarations to the Customs and Excise Department. Import unit value of frozen beef is calculated by dividing the total import value of frozen beef of that particular origin in a year by its corresponding total import quantity.

[^] Based on the information as at June 2014.