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Dear Miss So,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Information Requested by Members**

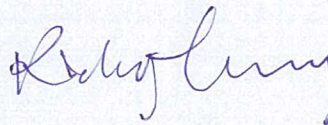
Declaration requirements for food imported from Japan

When the implementation of the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612) was discussed at the Panel, the Administration was requested to provide information on the number of cases that importers did not state the relevant prefecture of Japan where the food came from or provided wrong information on the place of origin in the relevant customs declaration documents since the implementation of the import ban on Japanese food and the follow-up actions taken by the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) on the cases.

CFS carries out food inspection at the import level according to risk profiles, based on information, intelligence, and notifications received through different channels. Relevant information and documents include customs

declaration documents, bills of lading, packing lists (for the food imported from Japan, the prefecture of origin should be clearly stated), invoices, import licenses, official certificates, health certificates, written permission from Health Inspectors of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, certificates of radiation test of the place of origin and other information (if applicable). Except for one consignment of carrots from Chiba Prefecture of which the wrong place of origin was declared in February 2015, there has been no case in which the importer did not state the place of origin of the food or the importer provided wrong information on the place of origin in the relevant customs declaration documents since the implementation of the import restrictions on Japanese food.

Yours sincerely,



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