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Annex 1

**Wholesale price of live pigs, retail price of fresh lean pork and price changes
from October 2011 to the present**

Year	Month	Average wholesale price of live pigs^{*#} (\$/catty)	Average retail price of fresh lean pork* (\$/catty)	Average wholesale price of live pigs as compared with that in October 2011	Average retail price of fresh lean pork as compared with that in October 2011	Difference between average wholesale price of live pigs and average retail price of fresh lean pork[#] (\$/catty)
2011	10	15.4	42.7	--	--	27.3
	11	13.7	40.8	-11.0 %	-4.4 %	27.1
	12	14.3	40.0	-7.1 %	-6.3 %	25.7
2012	1	14.6	40.4	-5.2 %	-5.4 %	25.8
	2	13.9	40.9	-9.7 %	-4.2 %	27
	3	13.8	41.0	-10.4 %	-4.0 %	27.2
	4	12.6	40.3	-18.2 %	-5.6 %	27.7
	5	13.3	40.4	-13.6 %	-5.4 %	27.1

* Price information for October 2011 to March 2012 is provided in the Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics published by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD). Price information for May 2012 on the average retail price of fresh lean pork and that for April to May 2012 on the average wholesale price of live pigs are all preliminary figures. Average retail price of fresh lean pork is provided by the C&SD, while average wholesale price of live pigs is provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

The wholesale price of live pigs is the price of live pigs paid by live pig buyers to live pig import agents. However, the wholesale price of live pigs is not equal to the wholesale price of fresh lean pork because the weight of a live pig includes not only the weight of pork, but also that of the head, bones, skin and offal.

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Annex 2

**Import and retail prices of chilled pork and price changes
from October 2011 to the present**

Year	Month	Average import price of chilled pork^{*#} (\$/catty)	Average retail price of chilled lean pork^{*^} (\$/catty)	Average import price of chilled pork as compared with that in October 2011	Average retail price of chilled lean pork as compared with that in October 2011	Difference between average import price of chilled pork and average retail price of chilled lean pork[#]
2011	10	15.9	36.5	-	-	20.6
	11	15.4	36.2	-3.1 %	-0.8 %	20.8
	12	14.8	35.2	-6.9 %	-3.6 %	20.4
2012	1	13.9	35.2	-12.6 %	-3.6 %	21.3
	2	14.2	34.4	-10.7 %	-5.8 %	20.2
	3	14.0	34.4	-11.9 %	-5.8 %	20.4
	4	14.0	34.2	-11.9 %	-6.3 %	20.2
	5	-	33.7	-	-7.7 %	-

* Price information is provided by the C&SD. As it takes time to process trading data, the average import price in May 2012 is not yet available for the time being.

The Government does not compile statistics on the wholesale price of chilled pork. We can hence only work out the import price of chilled pork based on the information on the import quantities and value of chilled pork declared for customs purposes. This is however not the wholesale price.

^ Chilled lean pork is only available for sale in supermarkets and a small number of licensed market stalls. The retail price for May 2012 is a preliminary figure.

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Annex 3

Difference in the retail prices of fresh and chilled pork

Year	Month	Average retail price of fresh lean pork (\$/catty)	Average retail price of chilled lean pork (\$/catty)	Difference (\$/catty)
2011	10	42.7	36.5	6.2
	11	40.8	36.2	4.6
	12	40.0	35.2	4.8
2012	1	40.4	35.2	5.2
	2	40.9	34.4	6.5
	3	41.0	34.4	6.6
	4	40.3	34.2	6.1
	5	40.4	33.7	6.7