## Increasing Demand for Imported Coffee

- In 2006, a total of about 5018 tonnes of imported coffee beans and coffee powder, and 2196 tonnes of imported coffee products (e.g. instant coffee) were consumed in Hong Kong.
- More than one-sixth ( $17 \%$ ) of the consumed imported coffee beans and coffee powder came from Indonesia, while the remaining was mainly imported from Columbia, the mainland of China (the Mainland) and the USA.
- Over $40 \%(41 \%)$ of the coffee products came from the Mainland.
- In the past 16 years, the local consumption of imported coffee beans, coffee powder and coffee products has been increasing steadily, from 2537 tonnes in 1991 to 7214 tonnes in 2006. The average annual growth rate was $7.2 \%$.

Retained Imports of Coffee Beans, Coffee Powder and Coffee Products


Note: $\quad$ Retained imports are calculated by subtracting re-exports from imports. The volume of retained imports can roughly reflect the domestic demand for the specific type of imported merchandise.

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