

Press Release (This is provisional translation. Please refer to the original text written in Japanese.)

March 21, 2011

Policy Planning and Communication Division,
Inspection and Safety Division,
Department of Food Safety

To Press and those whom may concern,

Issuance of Instruction to restrict distribution of foods concerned, in relation to the accident at Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant

As of today 21 March 2011, Prime Minister, Mr Naoto Kan, who is Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, has issued an Instruction, in accordance with Article 20.3 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999), addressed to Governors of Prefectures concerned, ordering restriction of distributing foods concerned produced in these prefectures.

Content of the Instruction is presented in the attachment.

<Reference>

Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness
(http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail_main?id=106&vm=&re),

Article 20

(3) In addition to the instructions under the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when the director-general of the nuclear emergency response headquarters finds it especially necessary for implementing emergency response measures accurately and promptly in the emergency response measures implementation area covered by said nuclear emergency response headquarters, he/she may, within the limit necessary, give necessary instructions to the heads of the relevant designated administrative organs and the heads of the relevant designated local administrative organs, and the officials of said designated administrative organs and the officials of said designated local administrative organs to whom his/her authority has been delegated pursuant to the provisions of the preceding Article, the heads of local governments and other executive organs, designated public institutions and designated local public institutions, and nuclear operators.

(Attachment)

Instruction

21 March 2011

From Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters
To Governors of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gun-ma Prefectures,

Recognizing the accident occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant (operated by TEPCO Co. Ltd), the following order shall take place, under the authority of the Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, following Article 20.3 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999):

Restrictive requirements shall apply to food business operators concerned not to distribute the following foods produced in the respective prefectures:

- 1) Spinach and Kakina harvested in Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gun-ma Prefectures; and
- 2) Fresh raw milk produced in Fukushima Prefecture.