

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

4 April 2011

Policy Planning and Communication Division,
Inspection and Safety Division,
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To Press and those whom may concern,

Restriction of distribution in Chiba Prefecture (in relation to the accident at Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant)

As of today 4 April 2011, Prime Minister, Mr Naoto Kan, who is Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, has issued the following Instruction, in accordance with Article 20.3 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999), addressed to Governor of Chiba Prefecture, ordering restriction of distributing foods concerned produced in parts of the prefecture. 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

4 April 2011

From Prime Minister Naoto Kan, Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters
To Governor of Chiba Prefecture,

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 heads of related municipalities and food business operators concerned not to distribute the following foods produced in the respective areas for the time being:

1. Spinach produced in Katori city and Tako town.
2. Spinach, qing geng cai, garland chrysanthemum, sanchu asian lettuce, celery and parsley produced in Asahi city.