

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

April 18, 2012 Policy Planning and Communication Division, Inspection and Safety Division, Department of Food Safety

To Press and those who may concern,

Restriction of distribution of foods based on the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness, direction of Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters

Today, based on the results of inspections conducted until yesterday and in the lights of the Nuclear Safety Commission's advice, the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters has issued restriction of distribution for Governors of Chiba as follows.

- (1) Log-grown shiitake (outdoor cultivation) produced in Chiba-shi and Yachiyo-shi, Chiba prefecture.
- (2) Bamboo shoot produced in Shibayama-machi, Chiba prefecture.
- 1. With regard to Chiba prefecture, the restriction of distribution of Log-grown shiitake (outdoor cultivation) produced in Chiba-shi and Yachiyo-shi and Bamboo shoot produced in Shibayama-machi is instructed today.
 - (1) The Instruction of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters is attached as attachment 1.

(2) The concept of management at Chiba Prefecture after ordering the restriction of distribution is attached as attachment 2.

2. The list of Instructions on the restriction of distribution and/or consumption of food concerned in accordance with the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness is attached as reference.

Reference: omitted Attachment 2: omitted

Instruction

18 April 2012

From Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters To Governor of Chiba Prefecture,

The Instruction to the Prefecture on April 12 2012 based on the Article 20.3 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999) shall be changed as follows.

- 1. Restrictive requirement shall apply to heads of relevant municipalities and food business operators concerned not to distribute any log-grown shiitakes (outdoor cultivation) in Chiba-shi, Sakura-shi, Nagareyama-shi, Yachiyo-shi, Abiko-shi, Kimitsu-shi, Inzai-shi and Shirai-shi for the time being.
- Restrictive requirement shall apply to heads of relevant municipalities and food business operators concerned not to distribute any bamboo shoots produced in Kisarazu-shi, Kashiwa-shi, Ichihara-shi, Funabashi-shi, Yachiyo-shi, Abiko-shi, Shiroi-shi, Sakae-machi and Shibayama-machi for the time being.
- 3. Restrictive requirement shall apply to heads of relevant municipalities and food business operators concerned not to distribute any tea leaves produced in Noda-shi, Narita-shi, Katsuura-shi, Yachimata-shi, Tomisato-shi and Sammu-shi for the time being.