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Introduction

Foods, additives, apparatus, containers and packaging and toys (hereinafter referred to as "foods") imported by Japan in 2013 amounted to 30.98 million tons across 2.19 million import notifications. According to the "2013 Food Balance Sheet" published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the food self-sufficiency ratio in Japan is 40% (combined food self-sufficiency ratio by calorie intake), and 60% based on calorie intake is dependent on imports.

In order to ensure the safety of foods imported into Japan (hereinafter, "imported foods"), the government established the imported food monitoring and guidance plan in 2013 (hereinafter, "the Plan"). The program is based on the Guidelines for Monitoring and Guidance for Food Sanitation (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Notification No. 301, 2003) as per the provisions of Article 23, paragraph 1 of the Food Sanitation Act (Act No. 233, 1947; hereinafter, "the Act"), and public comments were collected and risk communication carried out. The program was published in the Official Gazette as an official report according to the provisions of paragraph 3 of the same article, and monitoring and guidance for imported foods is being conducted based upon the Program.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare will publish a recently compiled overview of the implementation of the monitoring and guidance for imported foods including an overview of the implementation of monitoring and inspections carried out under the Plan, the implementation of inspections of imported foods inspected or ordered, and an overview of the results thereof, monitoring and guidance to importers and the results thereof, and consultations in exporting countries.

Reference: Website on the "Safety of Imported Food"

JP http://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/shokuhin/yunyu_kanshi/index.html

EN <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/importedfoods/index.html>



1. Overview of the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for FY 2013

1 What is the Imported Food Monitoring and Guidance Plan?

It is the plan (under Article 23 of the Act) for the implementation of monitoring and guidance of imported foods by the government.

Purpose: To further ensure the safety of imported foods by promoting intensive, effective and efficient import inspections and monitoring and guidance of importers.

2 Principles of Monitoring and Guidance for Imported Foods

Establishes a plan which aims to ensure sanitation at three stages, namely, in the exporting country, at the time of importation, and in domestic distribution, from the perspective of Article 4 (that is, food safety must be ensured internationally and domestically through appropriate measures at each stage of the food supply chain) of the Food Safety Basic Act (Act No. 48 of 2003).

Provides food producers, manufacturers and processors, etc. as well as the responsible governmental agencies of the exporting country with information on Japan's food safety regulations via the Embassy in Tokyo and importers, in order to promote food safety measures in the exporting country during the production stage etc. Additionally, makes the information available on the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

3 Priority Items for Monitoring and Guidance

- Confirmation of legality with respect to the Act at time of import notification
- Monitoring^{*1} (FY 2013 Plan: 93,711 items across 168 food groups)
- Ordered inspection^{*2} (As of April 1st, 2013: 17 items from all exporting countries, and 79 items from 25 countries and 1 region)
- Regulations for comprehensive import bans^{*3}
- Emergency measures based on overseas information

4 Promotion of sanitation measures in exporting countries

- Requesting exporting governments establish sanitation control measures
- Promotion of stronger control and monitoring systems for agricultural chemicals, and pre-export inspections, through bilateral talks and on-site visit

5 Guidance on voluntary sanitation control by importers

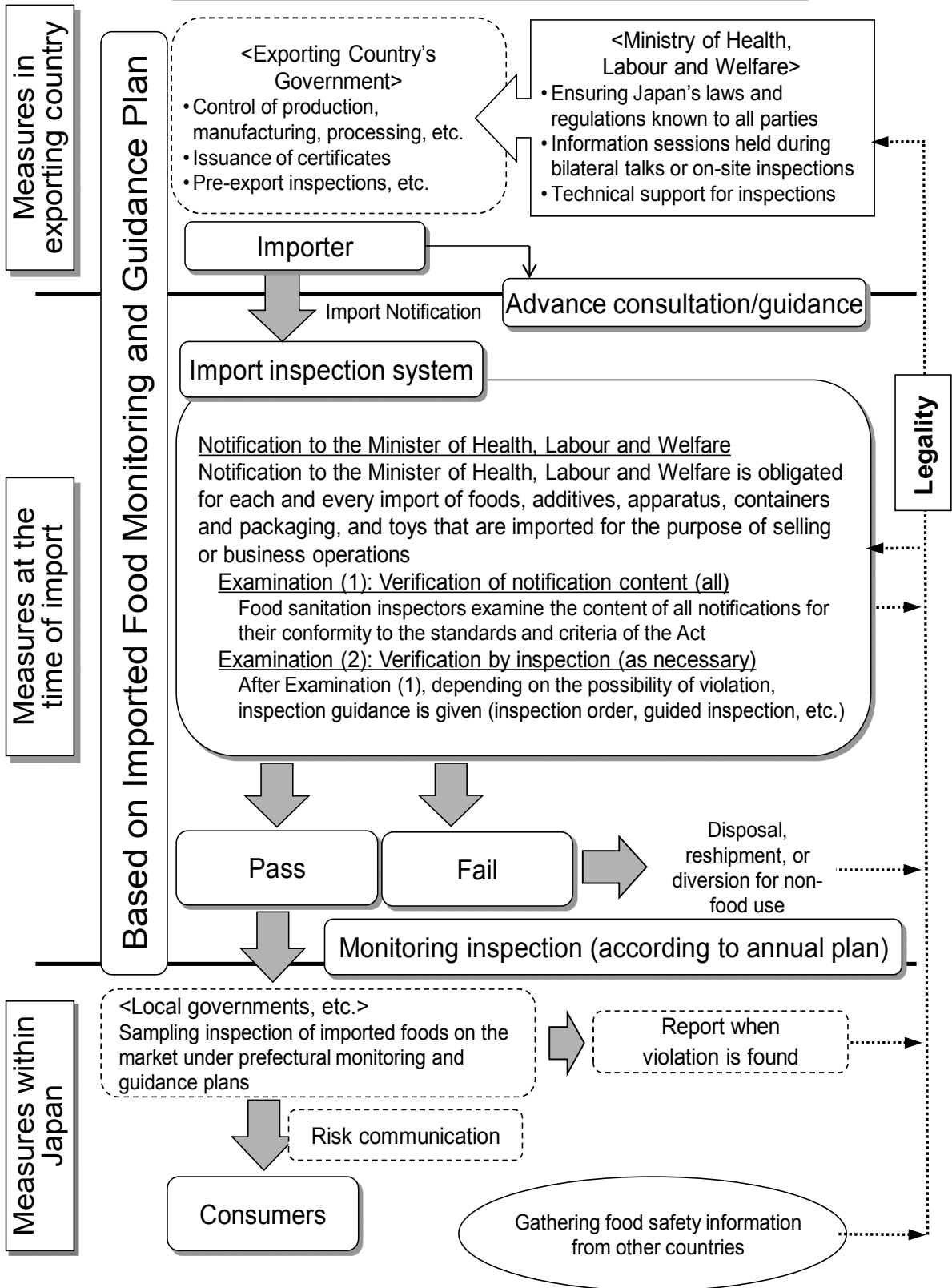
- Pre-import guidance (known as import consulting)
- Guidance inspections at initial import and on a regular basis
- Guidance on preparation and storage of records
- Raising awareness of food sanitation amongst importers

*1: Systematic inspection using a statistical approach considering the import volume and violation ratio of each type of food.

*2: Inspection for products with a high probability of violation where an inspection is ordered for the importer, and import and distribution is not permitted without the results being in compliance with the law.

*3: Measures whereby the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare may prohibit sale or import of specific foods, etc. without inspection, in the event it is deemed necessary to prevent harm.

Overview of Imported Food Monitoring System



2. Results of Imported Food Monitoring and Guidance Plan for FY 2013

Measures have been taken as described below by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and quarantine stations in accordance with Article 4 of the Food Safety Basic Act to ensure the safety of imported foods at every stage from production, manufacturing and processing in the exporting country to domestic distribution, based on the fundamental approach that it is necessary to take appropriate measures.

(1) Examination of import notification in accordance with Article 27 of the act

Examination of compliance with the Act was made, primarily with the standards and criteria for foods under the provisions of Article 11 (1) and Article 18 (1) of the Act (hereinafter, "standards and criteria"), and inspections were carried out as required at the time of importation, based on import notifications made under the provisions of Article 27 of the Act.

Looking at the notifications, inspections and violations made in FY 2013 (**Table 1**), there were 2,185,480 notifications, and the weight of notified items was 30,982,000 tons. Inspections were carried out on 201,198 items, of which 1,043 cases (running total 1,085 cases) were found to be in violation of the Act, and steps were taken for their reshipment, disposal, etc. These accounted for 0.05% of the number of notifications.



Examination of notifications using computer system

(2) Monitoring under Article 28 of the Act

Monitoring inspection numbers and inspection items to be carried out by quarantine stations were defined and inspections were planned for a total of 93,711 cases in FY 2013, considering previous importation data and violation rates for each food type, based on inspection numbers required to enable detection of violations to a statistically fixed degree of reliability.

Particularly, in response to overseas cases of food poisoning and detection of pathogenic microorganisms in foods, inspections pertaining to pathogenic microorganisms were enhanced.

Follow on the implementation of monitoring inspections at every quarantine station have been carried out, and the Plan reviewed through the whole monitoring period to adjust inspections to the actual importation.

Looking at the Implementation of Monitoring Inspections for FY 2013 (**Table 2**), a total of 95,730 cases (actual number 55,217) were carried out compared to a total of 93,711 planned (an implementation rate of 102%), and of these, 152 cases (running total 158) were found to be in violation of the Act, and steps were taken for recall.

Inspections of the same food type are enhanced in response to the detection of violations of the Act during monitoring inspections, etc. (**Table 3**). Where multiple violations for agricultural chemical residues or veterinary drugs are detected in foods from the same country, or for foods which are expected to have a high probability of violation of the Act, such foods, etc. will be subject to



Sample collection in a bonded

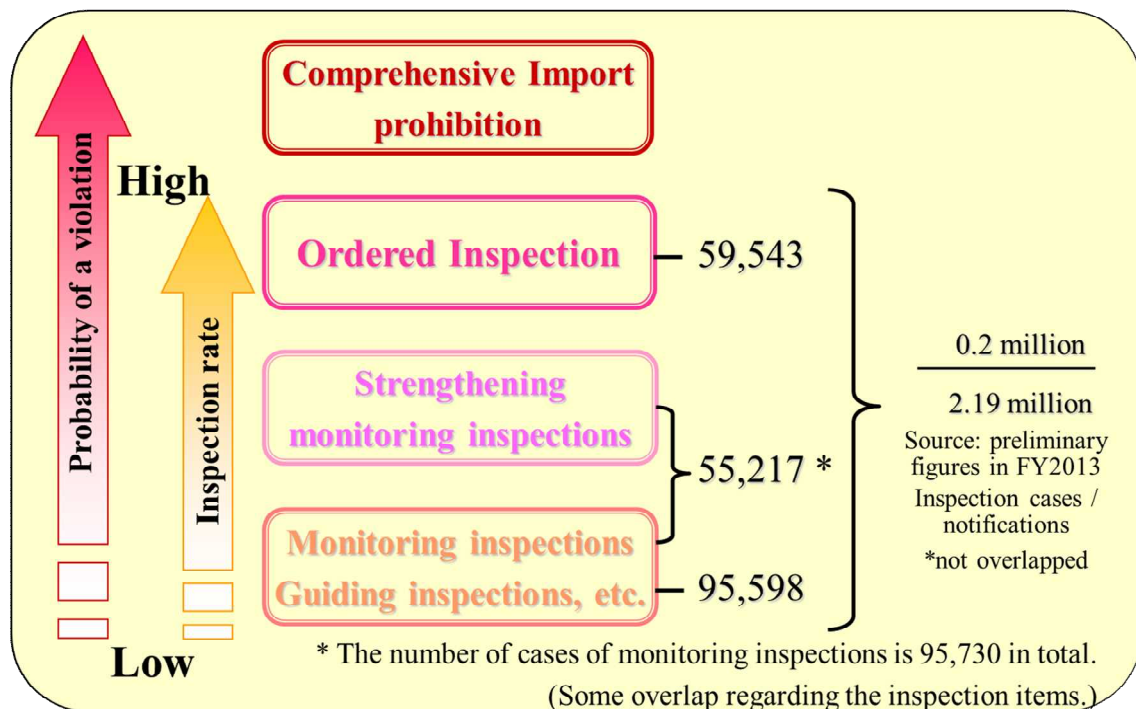
inspection upon each and every importation (**Table 4**). Foods in which aflatoxin or *Listeria monocytogenes* is detected will be immediately subject to inspection (**Table 5**).

(3) Ordered inspection under Article 26 of the Act

Subject countries and regions, subject foods and items for inspection have been defined, and ordered inspection have been made under provisions of Article 26 of the Act for imported foods which have a high probability of violating the Act, to prevent harm to public health.

As of March 31st, 2014, 17 items from all exporting countries, and 75 items from 25 countries and 1 region were subject to ordered inspection, and the record of ordered inspection for FY 2013 (**Table 6**) shows 59,543 cases (running total 101,428) were implemented, of which 351 cases (running total 354) were found to be in violation of the Act and steps were taken for re-shipment or disposal, etc.

Inspection System at time of Importation



(4) Violations (*total number of cases in violation)

Breaking down the 1,085 cases of violation by provision (**Table 7**), violations of Article 11 of the Act, which relates to microbial criteria, standards for agricultural chemical residues, and standards for the use of additives in food, were the most common at 568 cases (52.4% as a proportion of 1,085 violations), followed by violations of Article 6, which relates to contamination with hazardous or toxic substances such as aflatoxin, at 336 cases (31.0%), violations of Article 10, which relates to the use of unspecified additives, at 98 cases (9.0%), violations of Article 18, which relates to standards for apparatus or containers and packaging, at 56 cases (5.2%), violations of Article 9, which relates to the hygiene certificates of meat, at 20 cases (1.8%), and violations of Article 62 (mutatis mutandis application), which relates to standards for toys, at 7 cases (0.6%).

Breaking down the violations by inspection type, the most common were violations relating to

hazardous or toxic substances or pathogenic microorganisms (**Table 8-1**) at 272 cases (25.1% as a proportion of 1,085 violations), followed by violations relating to microbial criteria in frozen foods, etc. (**Table 8-2**) at 225 cases (20.7%), violations relating to agricultural chemical residues (**Table 8-3**) at 140 cases (12.9%), violations relating to unspecified additives used and additives in violations of usage standards (**Table 8-4**) at 184 cases (17.0%), violations relating to decay, deterioration, generation of mold and nasty smell (**Table 8-5**) at 68 cases (6.3%), violations relating to veterinary drugs (**Table 8-6**) at 57 cases (5.3%), violations relating to apparatus, containers and packaging (**Table 8-7**) at 56 cases (5.2%) and violations relating to criteria for toys (**Table 8-8**) at 7 cases (0.6%).

Breaking down the violations relating to hazardous or toxic substances or pathogenic microorganisms (Table 8-1) by country, the rankings were the USA with 149 cases (54.8% as a proportion of all 272 violations relating to hazardous or toxic substances or pathogenic microorganisms), China with 41 cases (15.1%) and Italy with 22 cases (8.1%). The principle products in violation in these cases were maize from the USA (contamination with aflatoxin), peanuts from China (aflatoxin) and uncooked meat products from Italy (*Listeria monocytogenes*).

Breaking down the violations relating to microbial criteria (Table 8-2) by country, the rankings were China with 86 cases (38.2% as a proportion of all 225 violations relating to microbial criteria), Thailand with 29 cases (12.9%) and Indonesia with 23 cases (10.2%). The principle violation in these cases were, for all countries, microbial criteria (bacterial count, coliform bacteria, E.coli) in frozen foods.

Breaking down the violations relating to agricultural chemical residues (Table 8-3) by country, the rankings were China with 48 cases (34.3% as a proportion of all 140 violations relating to agricultural chemical residues), Thailand with 13 cases (9.3%) and South Korea with 11 cases (7.9%). The principle products in violation in these cases were oolong tea from China (fipronil), chili peppers from Thailand (triazophos) and chili peppers from South Korea (difenoconazole).

Breaking down the violations relating to additives (Table 8-4) by country, the rankings were China with 29 cases (15.8% as a proportion of all 184 violations relating to additives), Italy with 19 cases (10.3%) and Turkey with 14 cases (7.6%). The principle products in violation in these cases were processed agricultural products from China (violation of standard of use (preservative)), confectionaries from Italy (use of undesignated additives) and dried fruit from Turkey (violation of standard of use (preservative)).

Breaking down the violations relating to decay, deterioration, generation of mold and nasty smell (Table 8-5) by country, the rankings were Thailand with 16 cases (23.5% as a proportion of all 68 violations relating to decay, deterioration, generation of mold and nasty smell), USA with 15 cases (22.1%) and Canada with 10 cases (14.7%). The principle products in violation in these cases were rice from Thailand, wheat and soybeans from the USA, and wheat from Canada.

Breaking down the violations relating to veterinary drugs (Table 8-6) by country, the rankings were Vietnam with 39 cases (68.4% as a proportion of all 57 violations relating to veterinary drugs), India with 9 cases (15.8%) and China with 5 cases (8.8%). The principle products in violation in these cases were shrimp from Vietnam (enrofloxacin), shrimp from India (furazolidone) and shrimp from China (sulfamethoxazole and chlortetracycline).

Breaking down violations relating to apparatus, containers and packaging (Table 8-7) by country, the rankings were China with 29 cases (51.8% as a proportion of all 56 violations relating to apparatus, containers and packaging), Italy with 5 cases (8.9%) and Taiwan with 4 cases (7.1%). The

principle materials in violation in these cases were synthetic resins, which accounted for 35 cases.

Breaking down the violations relating to criteria for toys (Table 8-8) by country, the rankings were China with 5 cases (71.4% as a proportion of all 7 violations relating to criteria for toys), followed by Thailand and Hong Kong with 1 case (14.3% each). The principle violations in these cases were nonconformance to the standards (phthalates) and elution of coloring agents, both accounted for 3 cases.

(5) Emergency measures based on information from overseas on food sanitation issues

The monitoring system at the time of importation has been enhanced and an investigation into domestic distribution (**Table 9**) has been carried out regarding issues in FY 2013, including *Salmonella* contamination of tahini (sesame paste) in Turkey and *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination of natural cheeses in France and the USA. The investigation was based on information on the overseas outbreaks of food poisoning and the recall of food products in violation of the Act that has been collected by the National Institute of Health Sciences and the Cabinet Office Food Safety Commission. Appropriate measures including recalls were ordered where there was a record of their import.

Further, on the matter of agricultural chemical poisoning due to frozen dumplings produced in China that occurred in January 2008, inspections for agricultural chemical residues in processed food were carried out on a total of 8,883 samples throughout FY 2013, which resulted in finding out 1 case of violation in processed wheat product produced in Brazil (pirimiphos-methyl).

(6) Promotion of sanitation measures in exporting countries

In FY 2013, information on products in violation of the Act has been provided to the governments of exporting countries where the products are subject to ordered inspection or strengthening monitoring inspections and further, requests have been made through bilateral consultations for investigations into the causes of violations and for taking measures to prevent the recurrence of such violations.

As part of this promotion, when it was necessary to confirm the adequacy of sanitation measures during the production or processing stages in the exporting country, with regards to the issues of, for example, agricultural chemical residues or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (hereinafter, "BSE"), specialists were dispatched to the exporting countries and audit of sanitation measures taken in the countries was also carried out (**Table 10**).

Based on the Risk Assessment Report issued by the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ), a consultation with Ireland was carried out to remove import bans of Irish beef within the limits of the assessment. On-site inspections were carried out from November 18 to 22, 2013, to confirm the preparation state for enforcing a Japan export program.

Regular on-site inspection for USA beef was carried out from December 2 to 13, 2013, at beef production facilities in the USA authorized for export to Japan to verify and inspect observance of the Japan export program.

On-site inspections for Danish cheese were carried out from March 17 to 21, 2014, to verify the cheese sanitation control systems.

Specialists were dispatched to the USA to confirm the adequacy of the sanitation control systems for genetically modified products as part of sanitation control training organized by the governments

of exporting countries.

(7) Promotion of pre-inspection sanitation measures in exporting countries

As a new preventative initiative, systematic information gathering and, when required, on-site inspections have been conducted in many exporting countries since FY 2009 regarding information etc. on the systems for sanitation measures at the exporting countries.

For FY 2013, these activities were conducted in the Netherlands, South Korea, Peru, South Africa and Mexico. In addition, initiatives of the governments, producers, and manufacturers of exporting countries were investigated (**Table 11**).

① Netherlands

Descriptions were given by a representative from the Dutch government on the food sanitation regulations in the Netherlands, and inspection and opinion exchange were carried out. Further, a seminar on import food monitoring systems and sanitation regulations in Japan was held targeting government officials etc.

Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of production control including agricultural chemicals and the conditions of microorganism control, at leek farms and cheese manufacturing facilities.

② South Korea

Inspection and opinion exchange were carried out for the food sanitation regulations and sanitation control systems of food exports to Japan in South Korea.

Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of agricultural chemical residues control of agricultural products, pertaining to those exported to Japan.

③ Peru

Inspection and opinion exchange were carried out for the food sanitation regulations and sanitation control systems of food exports to Japan in Peru.

Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of agricultural chemical residues control of agricultural products and the production control conditions of chicken egg products, pertaining to those exported to Japan.

④ South Africa

Inspection and opinion exchange were carried out for the food sanitation regulations in South Africa, and a seminar on import food monitoring systems and sanitation regulations in Japan was held targeting government officials, food suppliers, and so on.

Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of agricultural chemical residues control and microorganism control at orange farms.

⑤ Mexico

Inspection and opinion exchange were carried out for the food sanitation regulations in Mexico, and a seminar on import food monitoring systems and sanitation regulations in Japan was held targeting government officials.

Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of production control including agricultural chemicals at avocado farms.

(8) The Japan-China Food Safety Promotion Initiative

In May 2010, both the Minister of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Minister of General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) of

the People's Republic of China signed a memorandum of understanding on the Japan-China Food Safety Promotion Initiative (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum"). As a result, the first ministerial meeting was held and working-level consultations and field studies were conducted. Both parties determined that bilateral exchange and cooperation should continue to be promoted in the field of safety for food exports and imports between two countries.

For the fiscal 2013, in June, based on the Memorandum, both Ministers confirmed the results of the previous year's action plan and agreed on an action plan set out for this year, via documentations. Additionally, the 5th and 6th working-level consultations and on-site inspection were held in June (in Japan) and in September (in China), respectively.

At the 5th working-level consultations, the Japanese side listened to measures conducted by the Chinese side for aflatoxin in peanuts and other products, agricultural chemical residues and shellfish poison in bivalves, agricultural chemical residue in asparagus, oolong tea, carrots and sesame, and requested the Chinese side to take remedial measures. The Chinese side requested the Japanese side to alleviate the requirements for lifting the ordered inspection placed on Chinese food exports to Japan, to provide information on Japanese foods that might be contaminated with radioactive substance and to transfer the sanitation certificate issuing agency pertaining to seafood products exported to China from registered inspection bodies to authorized administrative agencies.

At the 6th working-level consultations, the Japanese side listened to measures conducted by the Chinese side for aflatoxin in peanuts and other products, agricultural chemical residues and paralytic shellfish poison in bivalves, agricultural chemical residues in asparagus, oolong tea, green soybeans, carrots and sesame seed, and requested the Chinese side to take remedial measures. The Chinese side requested the Japanese side to review the standard value of fipronil in oolong tea and to alleviate the requirements for lifting the ordered inspection placed on Chinese food exports to Japan. Additionally, in accordance with the consultations, on-site inspections were carried out for the control conditions at the farms and processing facilities of peanuts and oolong tea.

More details on the results, etc., of the Japan-China Food Safety Promotion Initiative are posted at the URL below.

http://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/shokuhin/yunyu_kanshi/exporter/index.html

(9) Comprehensive import ban regulations under Articles 8 and 17

Article 8 and Article 17 of the Food Sanitation Act provide measures for the comprehensive banning of imports, as a method of enabling the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare to comprehensively ban the import or sale of specific foods from specific countries without requiring an inspection.

According to the "Guidelines for the Banning of the Sale or Import of Specific Foods, etc. under Article 8 (1) and Article 17 (1) of the Food Sanitation Act" (SHOKUHATSU No. 0906001 dated September 6th, 2002), before invoking measures for a comprehensive import ban on items that exceed a 5% violation rate in the latest 60 ordered inspection, the status of sanitation controls is confirmed with the exporting country, and a request is made for improvements. In FY 2013, no imported foods, etc. were subject to any such measures or requests.

(10) Guidelines for implementation of voluntary sanitation controls by importers

The safety of foods to be imported is confirmed in advance by obtaining necessary materials from the producer or manufacturer. Additionally, guidance has been given to importers based on the Plan regarding foods that are to be imported to Japan for the first time and foods that have been subject to a violation. The guidance was given in meetings held at quarantine stations, in order that quarantine stations are briefed in advance.



Meeting at a Quarantine

Officers from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and quarantine stations were dispatched to training courses and workshops held by related organizations in order to raise awareness of food sanitation with importers, and as a result importers in general understand the details. Looking at the figures for pre-import guidance given by Offices of Imported Food Consultation (known as import consultations) in quarantine stations in FY 2013 (**Table 12**), a total of 23,903 cases by product received import consultations, of which 354 cases (total 397) were identified as non-compliant with the Act in advance.

Breaking down the cases which were non-compliant with the Act by the specific provision (**Table 13**), violations of Article 11 which relates to standards and criteria for food including standards for agricultural chemical residues and standards for usage of additives were most common with 196 cases (49.4% as a proportion of all 397 violations), followed by violations of Article 10 which relates to the use of unspecified additives with a total of 186 cases (46.9%).

Breaking this down by country (**Table 14**), the USA had the most cases at 72 (18.1% as a proportion of all 397 violations), followed by France with 39 cases (9.8%), then by Australia and South Korea with 29 cases (7.3%). The principle violation in these cases was the use of unspecified additives in health foods from the USA, the use of preservative in other than target foods in seasoning from France, violation of the standards for usage of thickening agents in frozen yogurt from Australia, and the use of unspecified additives in health foods from South Korea.

Where the import consultation determined a non-compliance with the Act, appropriate measures were taken to ensure compliance, and guidance given to suspend import until improvements were made. After improvements were made and documentation showing compliance with the Act provided, guidance was given as needed to carry out in advance checks such as inspections for fulfillment of standards and criteria for said foods.

(11) Disclosure of information on violations of imported foods, and cooperation with prefectures

Details of violations including the names and imported foods of importers in violation of the Act were listed and published on the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website, based on provisions of Article 63 of the Act, in order to clarify the food sanitation risk. Along with the names, etc. of parties in violation, measures taken to rectify matters, the cause of the violation, and method of disposal were also identified and published.

Imported foods which had already passed customs at the time they are identified as being in violation were promptly recalled with the cooperation of the relevant prefectural governments. Imported foods discovered to be in violation through domestic market inspections by prefectural governments or those caused food poisoning (**Table 15**) led to enhanced inspections where required.

Table 1 – Notifications, Inspections, and Violations (FY 2013)

Notifications (cases)	Imported Weight (thousand tons)	Inspections ^{*1} (cases)	Proportion ^{*2} (%)	Violations (cases)	Proportion ^{*2} (%)
2,185,480	30,982	201,198 (59,543) ^{*3}	9.2	1,043 (351) ^{*3}	0.05 (0.59) ^{*3}
(FY 2012) 2,181,495	32,156	223,380	10.2	1,053	0.05

*1 Inspections by authorities, registered inspection organizations and public organizations of exporters, deducting duplicates.

*2 Proportion as compared to notifications.

*3 Number of inspection orders.

Table 2 – Implementation of Monitoring Inspections (FY 2013)

Food Groups	Inspected Substances* ¹	Number Planned in FY	Actual Number	Violations
Livestock Foods Beef, pork, chicken, horse meat, other poultry meat, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,238	2,277	1
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,251	1,947	0
	Additives	-	1	0
	Pathogenic microorganisms	716	730	0
	Standards for constituents	133	187	0
	Radiation irradiation	29	29	0
	Removal of SRMs	4,000	3,673	1
Processed Livestock Foods Natural cheeses, processed meat products, ice cream, frozen (meat) products, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,183	2,262	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,224	1,342	0
	Additives	1,366	1,518	0
	Pathogenic microorganisms	2,178	2,269	3
	Standards for constituents	1,375	1,531	6
	Radiation irradiation	-	1	0
Seafood products Bivalves, fish, shellfish (shrimps, crabs), etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	3,112	2,921	3
	Residual agricultural chemicals	2,573	2,549	0
	Additives	177	184	0
	Pathogenic microorganisms	1,074	1,800	1
	Standards for constituents	485	613	0
	Radiation irradiation	29	32	0
Processed seafood Processed fish products (fillet, dried or minced fish, etc.), Frozen food(seafood, fish), processed marine product eggs, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	4,417	4,813	4
	Residual agricultural chemicals	3,156	3,801	1
	Additives	1,633	1,989	1
	Pathogenic microorganisms	5,203	4,460	1
	Standards for constituents	3,435	3,512	25
	Radiation irradiation	5	7	1
Agricultural foods Vegetables, fruit, wheat, maize, pulses, peanuts, nuts, seeds, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	1,510	2,043	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	11,738	12,848	51
	Additives	1,074	1,136	0
	Pathogenic microorganisms	1,495	1,617	0
	Standards for constituents	236	206	0
	Mycotoxins	2,388	2,524	2
	Genetically modified food	354	364	0
	Radiation irradiation	119	136	0
Processed agricultural food Frozen food(processed vegetables), processed vegetable products, processed fruit, seasonings, instant noodles, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	299	404	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	8,448	9,084	15
	Additives	3,832	4,492	6
	Pathogenic microorganisms	477	739	0
	Standards for constituents	2,054	2,348	3
	Mycotoxins	2,953	2,918	4
	Genetically modified food	128	134	2
	Radiation irradiation	424	419	3
Other foods Health foods, soups, seasonings, confectionery, cooking oil, frozen food, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	-	1	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	535	674	0
	Additives	3,014	3,262	9
	Pathogenic microorganisms	-	14	0
	Standards for constituents	627	456	6
	Mycotoxins	895	1,039	1
Beverages Mineral waters, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, etc.	Residual agricultural chemicals	178	251	0
	Additives	1,015	1,218	0
	Standards for constituents	477	537	0
	Mycotoxins	118	105	0
Additives Apparatus, containers and packaging Toys	Standards for constituents	2,241	2,313	2
Total (gross) 5,000 cases of the total cases planned for the FY were part of enhanced monitoring.		93,711	95,730 Implementation rate of 102%	152 ^{※2}

※1: Examples of inspected substances

- Antibacterial substances, etc.: antibiotics, synthetic antimicrobials, hormone drugs, etc.
- Residual agricultural chemicals: organophosphorous, organochlorine, carbamates, pyrethroid, etc.
- Additives: preservatives, coloring agents, sweeteners, antioxidants, antimold agents, etc.
- Standards for constituents, etc.: Items stipulated in the standards for constituents (bacterial count, coliform bacteria, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, etc.), pathogenic microorganisms (enterohemorrhagic E.coli O26, O104, O111 and O157, *Listeria monocytogenes* etc.), shellfish poisons (diarrhetic shellfish poison and paralytic shellfish poison), etc.
- Mycotoxin: aflatoxin, deoxynivalenol, patulin, etc.
- Genetically modified organisms (GMOs): genetically modified foods, etc. that have not been assessed for safety.
- Irradiation: with or without of irradiation

※2 : Total number of item-by-item inspections

Table 3 – Items Subject to Strengthening Monitoring Inspections in FY 2013^{*1} (As of March 31, 2014^{*2})

Country/Region	Subject Food	Inspected Substances
China	White croaker	Enrofloxacin
	Oolong tea	Propham
	Sea urchin (for raw consumption)	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (MPN) *3
	Large peanuts	Acetochlor
	Wood ears (<i>Auricularia spp.</i>)	Chlorpyrifos
	Kale	Hexachlobenzene
	Burdock	Paclobutrazol
	Shiso	Isoprocarb
	Taro	Paclobutrazol
	Qing-geng-cai	Triazophos
	Chinese chive	Phoxim
	Welsh Onion (including <i>Allium Wakegi</i>)	Aldicarb and Aldoxycarb, Famoxadone
	Pak choi	Pyridaben
	Bell pepper (including Paprika)	Difenoconazole
	White pepper	Aflatoxin
	Lychees	4-CPA, Triazophos
	<i>Allium Wakegi</i>	Bifenthrin
	Rape flower	Haloxifop
	Cultured shrimp	Furazolidone
	Cultured tokobushi	Furazolidone
Cultured eel processed products	Enrofloxacin	
Green tea	Propham	
Thailand	Okura	Isoprothiolane
	Green asparagus	Atrazine, Diuron, Metalaxyl and Mefenoxam
	Celery	Difenoconazole
	Pandanus palm leaf	Chlorpyrifos
	Papaya	PRSV-SC
	Mulukhiya	Hexaconazole
	Immature pea	Famoxadone
South Korea	Arch shell (for raw consumption)	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (MPN) ^{*3}
	Perilla	Indoxacarb, Ethoprophos
	Tairagikai (<i>Atrina pectinata</i>) for raw consumption	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (MPN) ^{*3}
	Honey	Chloramphenicol
Vietnam	File fish	Chloramphenicol
	Bell pepper (including Paprika)	Hexaconazole, Difenoconazole

Country/Region	Subject Food	Inspected Substances
Australia	Orange	Diuron
	Soft or semisoft natural cheese(limited to manufacturers)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
Canada	Kidney beans	Glyphosate
	Beef	Enterohemorrhagic E. coli
Philippine	Sea urchin (for raw consumption)	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (MPN) *3
	Banana	Fipronil
USA	Rutabaga	Bifenthrin
	Soybean	Fluazifop
Peru	Quinoa	Methamidophos
	Banana	Fipronil
Belgium	Salsify	Difenoconazole
	Chicory	Thiabendazole
Italy	Processed pistachio products	Aflatoxin
Iran	Processed pistachio products	Aflatoxin
Indonesia	Fresh coffee bean	Carbaryl
Uganda	Fresh coffee bean	Chlorpyrifos
Oman	Immature kidney bean	Cyromazine
Ghana	Cacao bean	2,4-D,Cypermethrin
Sudan	Sesame seed	2,4-D
Sri Lanka	Sesame seed	Pirimiphos-methyl
Serbia	Cherry	Flutriafol
Taiwan	Ponkan	Difenoconazole
Chile	Blueberry	Indoxacarb
Nicaragua	Sesame seed	Triazophos
New Zealand	Cabbage	Cyproconazole
Panama	Beef	Ibermectin
Bangladesh	Cumin seed	Profenofos
Brazil	Wheat	Pirimiphos-methyl
France	Apple juice	Patulin
Bolivia	Kidney bean	Flutriafol
Myanmar	Sesame seed	Carbaryl
Mexico	Guava	Cypermethrin

*1 Enhanced monitoring inspections, which are normally to be implemented after a violation has been detected, were conducted on 30% of all import notifications in FY 2013. Items which had seen inspection orders rescinded as a result of import or inspection results were also handled in the same way. However, if no similar violations were detected within 60 enhanced monitoring inspections or within 1 year, the items in question were subjected to the normal inspection system.

*2 Excludes items included in Table 4.

*3 As a measure to enhance inspections during the summer period, all (100%) import declarations were inspected (Jun-Oct 2013).

*4 As a measure to enhance inspections during the summer period, 30% of import declarations were inspected (Jun-Oct 2013).

Table 4 – Items Transferred to Ordered Inspection after Strengthening Monitoring Inspections in FY 2013

Country/Region	Subject Food	Inspected Substances
China	Oolong tea	Indoxacarb
	Soft-shelled turtle	Enrofloxacin
	Flowering fern	Acetochlor
	Chinese chive	Metalaxyl, mefenoxam
South Korea	Perilla	Diniconazole
	Red hot pepper	Difenoconazole
	Cultured olive flounder	<i>Kudoa septempunctata</i>
Austria	Horseradish	Difenoconazole
Cote d'Ivoire	Cacao beans	2, 4-D
Spain	Non glutinous rice	Tebuconazole
Thailand	Red hot pepper	Triazophos
Tanzania	Sesame seed	Imidacloprid
Paraguay	Sesame seed	Carbaryl
Vietnam	Shrimp	Oxytetracycline

Table 5 – Items immediately transferred to Ordered Inspection in FY 2013

Country/Region	Subject Item	Inspected Substances
Italy	Chestnut	Aflatoxin
	Soft or semisoft natural cheese (limited to manufactures)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
	Corns	Aflatoxin
	Unheated meat products (limited to manufactures)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
Spain	Processed almond products	Aflatoxin
	Unheated meat products (limited to manufactures)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
China	Lotus seed	Aflatoxin
	Foods (limited to manufactures)	Cyclamic acid
USA	Food to contain soft or semisoft natural cheese mainly (limited to manufactures)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
	Products containing 30% or more of pistachio	Aflatoxin
India	Chickpea	Aflatoxin
Taiwan	Foods (limited to manufactures)	Cyclamic acid
Vietnam	Foods (limited to manufactures)	Cyclamic acid
Morocco	Chaste tree berries	Aflatoxin

* Item shifted to promptly inspection order due to consecutive violations.

Table 6 – Major Items subject to Ordered Inspection and Inspection Outcomes (FY 2013)

Country/Region	Major subject foods	Major Inspected Substances	Inspections	Violations
All Exporting Countries (17 items)	Dried figs, Chili peppers, Nuts Peanuts.	Aflatoxin	11,062	86
	Manioc, beans containing cyanide	Cyanide	447	9
	Salted salmon roe	Nitrite	338	1
China (29 items)	Eel, Shrimp, Soft-shelled turtle	Enrofloxacin, Chlortetracycline, Sulfadimidine, Malachite green, Sulfamethoxazole, etc.	8,351	3
	Vegetables, Fish (carrot, welsh onion, pike eel, spinach, green soybeans, etc.), Oolong tea, Sesame seed	Acetochlor, Ametryn, Indoxacarb, Chlorpyrifos, Triadimenol, Trifluralin, etc.	18,961	29
	Bivalves	Paralytic shellfish poison, Diarrhetic shellfish poison	7,747	1
	All processed products	Cyclamic acid	610	3
	Chinese pepper (<i>Zanthoxylum bungeanum</i>), White pepper	Aflatoxin	73	0
South Korea (13 items)	Bivalves	Paralytic shellfish poison, Diarrhetic shellfish toxin	236	0
	Red hot pepper, Freshwater clam, Cherry tomatos	Endosulfan, Simeconazole, Fluquinconazole, Difenconazole	115	3
	Live eel, Cultured olive flounder	Oxolinic acid, Ofloxacin, Enrofloxacin, Oxytetracycline	10	0
	Cultured olive flounder, Arch shell	<i>Kudoa septempunctata</i> , <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	3	0
Thailand (11 items)	Vegetables, Fruit (okra, green asparagus, mango, banana, Mangosteen, etc.)	Chlorpyrifos, Cypermethrin, Profenofos, Propiconazole, EPN, etc.	1,689	4
Italy (8 items)	Gorgonzola cheese, Natural cheese, Unheated meat products	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	1,097	14
	Pistachio nuts product, Chestnut, Corns	Aflatoxin	420	1
	Parsley	Difenconazole	4	0
India (7 items)	Cultured shrimp	Furazolidone, Ethoxyquin	2,238	10
	Cumin seed, Chili peppers, Chickpea, Black tea	Glyphosate, Triazophos, Profenofos, Hexaconazole	129	5
	Cassia torea, Chickpea	Aflatoxin	110	4
Vietnam (6 items)	Shrimp	Trifluralin	1,025	1
	Shrimp, Squid	Ethoxyquin, Chloramphenicol, Enrofloxacin, Oxytetracycline, Furazolidone	34,036	35
	All processed products	Cyclamic acid	87	0
Taiwan (5 items)	Cultured eel	Sulfadimidine	2	0
	Carrot	Acephate, Methamidophos	260	1
	All processed products	Cyclamic acid	100	0
Other (24 countries ; total 43 items)			12,278	144
Total			101,428	354

Table 7 – Violations by Legal Provision (FY 2013)

Provision violated	Violations (cases)	Proportion(%)	Brief details of Violation
Article 6 (Foods and additives prohibited to distribute)	336	31.0	Aflatoxin contamination in corns, peanuts, almonds, dried fig, Job's tears, pistachionuts, chili peppers, nutmeg, walnuts, cassia seeds, chestnut, chickpea, lotus seed, chaste tree berries, etc.; detection of diarrhetic and paralytic shellfish toxin; detection of cyanide; detection of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> from unheated meat products, natural cheese; detection of <i>Kudoa septempunctata</i> ; adhesion of grease due to accidents during the transport of barley; decay, deterioration and fungus formation due to accidents during the transport of rice, wheat, rapeseed, soybeans, etc.
Article 9 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of diseased meat, etc.)	20	1.8	No health certificate attached
Article 10 (Limitation of distribution, etc. of additives, etc.)	98	9.0	Use of unspecified additives such as TBHQ, Quinoline Yellow, Patent blue V, Cyclamic acid, Azorubin, P-hydroxy benzoic acid methyl, Iodized salt, Methanol, Sunflower lecithin, Acid blue 3 sodium salt, Orange II, Potassium aluminium silicate, Brown HT, Metatartaric acid, Rhodamine B, Benzalkonium chloride, Acidic sodium aluminum phosphate, Sudan I etc.
Article 11 (Standards and criteria for foods and additives)	568	52.4	Violation of standards for constituents for vegetables or frozen vegetables (violation of standards on residual agricultural chemicals), violation of standards for constituents for marine products and processed products thereof (violation of standards on residual veterinary drugs, violation of standards on residual agricultural chemicals), violation of standards for constituents for other processed products (Coliform bacteria test, etc.), violation of standards on use of additives (sulfur dioxide, sorbic acid, benzoic acid etc.), and violation of standards for constituents for additives, detection of radioactive substance
Article 18 (Standards and criteria for apparatus, containers and packaging)	56	5.2	Violation of criteria for apparatus, containers and packaging Violation of materials criteria for raw materials
Article 62 (Mutatis mutandis application for toys, etc.)	7	0.6	Violations of criteria for toys or their raw materials
Total	1,085(Gross) ^{*1} 1,043(Real) ^{*2}		

*1 Gross number of inspection cases by inspected substances.

*2 Number of notification cases for which inspections were carried out

Table 8-1 – Violations by Country, Item and Violation details for Hazardous and Toxic substances and pathogenic microorganisms (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases*
USA	Corn	Aflatoxin (119)	149
	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin (10)	
	Peanut	Aflatoxin (8)	
	Almond	Aflatoxin (6)	
	Dried fig	Aflatoxin (4)	
	Chaste tree berry	Aflatoxin	
	Nutmeg	Aflatoxin	
China	Peanut	Aflatoxin (34)	41
	Health food	Cyanide(2)	
	Fried oyster	Diarrhetic shellfish toxin	
	Lotus seed	Aflatoxin	
	Job's tears	Aflatoxin	
	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	
	Frozen food (other processed product)	Aflatoxin	
Italy	Unheated meat product	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (15)	22
	Chestnut preparation	Aflatoxin (2)	
	Natural cheese	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (2)	
	Corn flour	Aflatoxin	
	Biscuits	Cyanide	
	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	
India	Cassia seed	Aflatoxin (3)	9
	Peanut	Aflatoxin (3)	
	Chickpea	Aflatoxin (2)	
	Chocolate	Aflatoxin	
Thailand	Cassava	Cyanide (3)	7
	Job's tears	Aflatoxin (3)	
	Peanut	Aflatoxin	
Spain	Unheated meat product	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (3)	5
	Almond	Aflatoxin (2)	
Sri Lanka	Nutmeg	Aflatoxin (4)	5
	Red pepper	Aflatoxin	
Argentina	Peanut	Aflatoxin (4)	4
South Africa	Peanut	Aflatoxin (4)	4
Germany	Fruit preparation	Cyanide (2)	3
	Dried fig	Aflatoxin	
Vietnam	Cassava	Cyanide (3)	3
Turkey	Mixed spice	Aflatoxin	2
	Dried fig	Aflatoxin	
Nepal	Red pepper	Aflatoxin (2)	2
Brazil	Seasoning	Cyanide (2)	2
France	Apple juice	Patulin	2
	Blueberry	Radioactive substance(Cs)	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases *
Myanmar	Butter bean	Cyanide	2
	Peanut	Aflatoxin	
Indonesia	Nutmeg	Aflatoxin	1
Uzbekistan	Nuts and seeds preparation	Cyanide	1
Canada	Confectionery	Cyanide	1
South Korea	Flounder	<i>Kudoa septempunctata</i>	1
Cambodia	Distilled spirit	Cyanide	1
Sweden	Blueberry jam	Radioactive substance(Cs)	1
Denmark	Natural cheese	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	1
Pakistan	Mixed spice	Aflatoxin	1
Morocco	Fruit preparation	Cyanide	1
Lebanon	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	1
Total			272

* Gross number of cases violations.

Table 8-2 – Violations by Country, Item and Violation details for Microbial Criteria (FY 2013)

Country of production	Item category	Violation details	Cases*
China	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria(10), Bacterial count(8), E.coli(5)	86
	Frozen food (vegetable)	E.coli(7), Bacterial count(4), Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria(6) , Bacterial count(4)	
	Frozen food (other processed products)	Bacterial count (6), Coliform bacteria(3), E.coli	
	Heat processed meat products	Coliform bacteria(5), E.coli(2)	
	Fish paste products	Coliform bacteria(6)	
	Frozen food (bean)	Coliform bacteria(2), E.coli(2), Bacterial count(2)	
	Frozen food (marine animals)	Coliform bacteria(3) , Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (squid)	Bacterial count(2), E.coli	
	Frozen food (shellfish)	Bacterial count, E.coli	
	Frozen food (animal product)	Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (shrimp)	Bacterial count	
	Boiled octopus	Coliform bacteria	
Thailand	Frozen food (shrimp)	Coliform bacteria (3), Bacterial count (2)	29
	Frozen food (other processed products)	Bacterial count(2), E.coli, Coliform bacteria	
	Heat processed meat products	E.coli(3)	
	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria(2), Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (fruit)	Coliform bacteria(2), Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (fish)	E.coli, Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food (grain)	E.coli, Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (animal product)	E.coli, Coliform bacteria	
	Fish paste products	Coliform bacteria	
	Fruits juice for raw material	Coliform bacteria	
	Flavoured Ice	Bacterial count	
	Powdered soft drinks	Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (squid)	Coliform bacteria	

Country of production	Item category	Violation details	Cases*
Indonesia	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Bacterial count(5), Coliform bacteria(3), <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (MPN)	23
	Frozen food (vegetable)	Bacterial count (4), Coliform bacteria(3)	
	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count(3), E.coli, Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food (shrimp)	Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (other processed products)	Bacterial count	
South Korea	Hermetically packaged, Pressure and heat sterilized food products	Possible microbes(4)	18
	Chilled fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria (3), Bacterial count	
	Powdered soft drinks	Coliform bacteria (3)	
	Frozen food (marine animals)	Bacterial count, Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food (vegetable)	Bacterial count, Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food(squid)	Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food (other processed products)	Coliform bacteria	
Heat processed meat products	Coliform bacteria		
Vietnam	Frozen food (shrimp)	E.coli(3), Bacterial count(3)	17
	Frozen food (fish)	E.coli, Bacterial count, Coliform bacteria	
	Boiled octopus	Coliform bacteria	
	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food (vegetable)	E.coli, Bacterial count	
	Fruits juice for raw material	Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food (squid)	Coliform bacteria	
Philippines	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Bacterial count(2), Coliform bacteria(2)	12
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria(2), Bacterial count	
	Ice cream with milk-solids	Coliform bacteria(2)	
	Fruits juice for raw material	Coliform bacteria(2)	
	Boiled octopus	Coliform bacteria	
France	Frozen food (fruit)	Bacterial count(3), Coliform bacteria	11
	Butter	Coliform bacteria(2)	
	Frozen food (seed)	Bacterial count, Coliform bacteria	
	Ice milk	Coliform bacteria	
	Heat processed meat products	Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food (other processed products)	Coliform bacteria	

Country of production	Item category	Violation details	Cases*
Taiwan	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria(3)	8
	Frozen food (agricultural food products)	Coliform bacteria(2)	
	Frozen food (other processed products)	Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (fruit)	Coliform bacteria	
	Frozen food (bean)	Coliform bacteria	
Belgium	Ice cream	Coliform bacteria(4)	6
	Ice milk	Coliform bacteria	
	Soft drinks	Coliform bacteria	
England	Ice cream	Coliform bacteria(2)	5
	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count(2)	
	Ice milk	Coliform bacteria	
Italy	Frozen food (other processed products)	Coliform bacteria (2) , E.coli	5
	Powdered soft drinks	Bacterial count	
	Heat processed meat products	E.coli	
Chile	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria(2)	4
	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count, Coliform bacteria	
Turkey	Ice cream	Bacterial count, Coliform bacteria	4
	Ice milk	Bacterial count, Coliform bacteria	
USA	Powdered soft drinks	Bacterial count(2)	4
	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Bacterial count	
	Frozen food (other processed products)	Bacterial count	
Denmark	Soft drinks	Coliform bacteria(2)	3
	Frozen food (other processed products)	Bacterial count	
Australia	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Bacterial count	2
	Frozen food (vegetable)	E.coli	
Kiribati	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria(2)	2
New Zealand	Ice cream	Coliform bacteria	2
	Hermetically packaged, Pressure and heat sterilized food products	Possible microbes	
India	Powdered soft drinks	Bacterial count	1
Netherlands	Ice cream	Coliform bacteria	1
Guatemala	Frozen food (fruit)	Bacterial count	1
Costa Rica	Frozen food (fruit)	Coliform bacteria	1
Colombia	Frozen food (fruit)	Coliform bacteria	1

Country of production	Item category	Violation details	Cases*
Singapore	Hermetically packaged, Pressure and heat sterilized food products	Possible microbes	1
Norway	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1
Brazil	Hermetically packaged, Pressure and heat sterilized food products	Possible microbes	1
Laos	Powdered soft drinks	Bacterial count	1
South Africa	Powdered soft drinks	Coliform bacteria	1
Japan (return cargo)	Chilled fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1
Total			225

* Gross number of cases violations

Table 8-3 – Violations by Country, Item and Violation details for agricultural chemical residues (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases* ¹
		Standard Value	Uniformity Standard	
China	Oolong tea	Fipronil (13),Propham	Indoxacarb(4)	48
	Short-necked clam		Prometryn(4)	
	Flowering fern		Acetochlor(4)	
	Chinese chive	Phoxim	Metalaxyl and mefenoxam(2)	
	Green soybeans		Difenoconazole(3)	
	Lychee	4-CPA	Triazophos	
	Taro		Paclobutrazol(2)	
	Asparagus		Ametryn	
	Kale	Hexachlorobenzene		
	Burdock		Paclobutrazol	
	Shiso		Isoprocarb	
	Qing-geng-cai		Triazophos	
	Wax gourd		Metalaxyl and mefenoxam	
	Rape flower		Haloxifop	
	Welsh onion	Famoxadone		
	Pak choi		Pyridaben	
	Hard clam		Prometryn	
	<i>Allium Wakegi</i>		Bifenthrin	
Green tea	Propham			
Thailand	Green asparagus	Atrazine(2),Diuron, Metalaxyl and mefenoxam		13
	Red hot pepper		Triazophos(3)	
	Okra		Isoprothiolane	
	Kaffir lime leaves	Profenofos		
	Celery		Difenoconazole* ²	
	Mango	Chlorpyrifos		
	Immature peas	Famoxadone		
	Mulukhiya	Hexaconazole		
South Korea	Perilla		Diniconazole(3), Indoxacarb, Ethoprophos	11
	Red hot pepper		Difenoconazole(5)	
	Freshwater clam	Endosulfan		
Mexico	Avocado	Methamidophos (7)	Acephate (2)	9
Ghana	Cacao bean	Imidacloprid(3), Cypermethrin	2,4-D(2),Fenvalerate	7
Vietnam	Paprika	Hexaconazole	Difenoconazole(3)* ²	7
	Bell pepper		Difenoconazole(2)* ²	
	Shrimp	Trifluralin		
India	Cumin	Profenofos (2)		3
	Red hot pepper		Triazophos	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases* ¹
		Standard Value	Uniformity Standard	
Paraguay	Sesame seed		Carbaryl(3)	3
USA	Soy bean	Fluazifop(2)		3
	Rutabaga		Bifenthrin* ²	
Australia	Orange	Diuron(2)		2
Cameroon	Cacao bean	Cypermethrin (2)		2
Cote d'ivoire	Cacao bean		2,4-D(2)	2
Spain	Non glutinous rice	Tebuconazole(2)		2
Taiwan	Carrot		Acephate	2
	Ponkan		Difenoconazole* ²	
Tanzania	Sesame seed		Imidacloprid(2)	2
Nicaragua	Sesame seed		Triazophos(2)	2
Norway	Whale meat	Aldrin and dieldrin, Chlordane		2
Peru	Banana	Fipronil(2)		2
Hong Kong	Oolong tea	Fipronil (2)		2
U.A.E	Red hot pepper		Triazophos	1
Uganda	Coffee beans	Chlorpyrifos		1
Ecuador	Cacao bean	Diuron		1
Austria	Horseradish		Difenoconazole	1
Sudan	Sesame seed	2, 4-D		1
Sri Lanka	Sesame seed	Pirimiphos-methyl		1
Serbia	Cherry		Flutriafol	1
Chile	Blueberry		Indoxacarb	1
New Zealand	Cabbage		Cyproconazole	1
Bangladesh	Cumin	Profenofos		1
Brazil	Wheat processed products	Pirimiphos-methyl		1
Venezuela	Cacao bean		2, 4-D	1
Belgium	Salsify		Difenoconazole	1
Bolivia	Kidney beans		Flutriafol	1
Malaysia	Cumin	Profenofos		1
Myanmar	Sesame seed		Imidacloprid	1
Total				140

*1 Gross number of cases violations.

*2 Violation in the reference value before the revision

Table 8-4 – Violations by Country, Item and Violation Details for Additives (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases* ²
China	Processed agricultural product	Sulfur dioxide (3), Cyclamic acid	29
	Heat processed meat product	Nitrate (2), Cyclamic acid	
	Dried fruit	Cyclamic acid (2), Sorbic acid	
	Seasoning	Cyclamic acid (3)	
	Dried vegetable	Sulfur dioxide (2)	
	Health food	Benzoic acid, Sorbic acid	
	Beans preparation	TBHQ, Sulfur dioxide	
	Boiled mushroom in water	Sulfur dioxide (2)	
	Oils and Fats	TBHQ (2)	
	Salted vegetable	Sulfur dioxide	
	Dried mushroom	Sulfur dioxide	
	Nuts and seeds preparation	Cyclamic acid	
	Nuts and seeds in syrup	Sulfur dioxide	
	Pickles (vegetable)	Sorbic acid	
Frozen food (vegetable)	Sulfur dioxide		
Italy	Confectionery	Patent blue V (3), Azorubin (2)	19
	Soft drink	Copper chlorophyll (3)	
	Fruit preparation	Sulfur dioxide (2)	
	Seasoning	Sulfur dioxide (2)	
	Biscuits	Iodized salt (2)	
	Fruit vinegar	Sulfur dioxide	
	Jam	Sorbic acid	
	Sauce	Sunflower lecithin* ¹	
	Liqueur	Azorubin	
	Other food	Quinoline yellow	
Turkey	Dried fruit	Sulfur dioxide (4)	14
	Chocolate	TBHQ (4)	
	Natural cheese	Natamycin (4)	
	Confectionery	Sorbic acid	
	Pickles (fruit)	Benzoic acid	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*2}
Brazil	Cereal preparation	TBHQ (3)	13
	Processed agricultural product	Acidic sodium aluminium phosphate (3)	
	Biscuits	TBHQ (2)	
	Processed wild grass product and spice	BHT, TBHQ	
	Vinegar	Sulfur dioxide	
	Snack food	TBHQ	
	Red pepper preparation	Sorbic acid	
Belgium	Chocolate	Azorubin (3), Iron sesquioxide (2), Potassium aluminium silicate, Chocolate brown HT	13
	Confectionery	Sorbic acid (5)	
	Ice cream	Sorbic acid	
France	Confectionery	Azorubin (3)	10
	Fruit preparation	Sorbic acid, Sulfur dioxide	
	Sugar	Azorubin, Patent blue V	
	Candy	Patent blue V	
	Chocolate	Patent blue V	
	Frozen food (other processed product)	Azorubin	
USA	Dried fruit	Sulfur dioxide (3)	9
	Confectionery	TBHQ	
	Health food	Methyl parahydroxybenzoate	
	Salmon roe	Nitrate	
	Processed agricultural product	Sulfur dioxide	
	Biscuits	TBHQ	
	Frozen food (vegetable)	Polysorbate 80	
Peru	Biscuit	TBHQ (3), Sunflower lecithin (2) ^{*1}	8
	Health food	Methyl parahydroxybenzoate	
	Seasoning	Sulfur dioxide	
	Powdered soft drink	Azorubin	
South Korea	Vegetable preparation	Sorbic acid (2)	6
	Cereal preparation	Benzoic acid	
	Red pepper	Sudan I	
	Gochujang	Potassium sorbate	
	Powdered soft drink	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*2}
Thailand	Soft drink	Sulfur dioxide (2)	6
	Seasoning	Sorbic acid	
	Pickles (fruit)	Cyclamic acid	
	Pickles (vegetable)	Azorubin	
	Red pepper preparation	TBHQ	
Australia	Biscuits	Azorubin (2), Quinoline yellow (2)	5
	Oils and Fats	TBHQ	
Taiwan	Syrup	Acesulfame potassium (2)	5
	Other food	Propyleneglycol (2)	
	Candy	Cyclamic acid	
Pakistan	Container packing filling pressurization heating sterilization food	TBHQ (5)	5
Vietnam	Seasoning	Benzoic acid, Orange II, Sorbic Acid	5
	Fish sauce	Acesulfame potassium	
	Nuts and seeds preparation	Cyclamic acid	
India	Snack food	TBHQ (2)	4
	Confectionery	TBHQ	
	Seasoning	TBHQ	
Austria	Liqueur	Azorubin (4)	4
UK	Seasoning	Sorbic Acid	3
	Fermented tea	Quinoline yellow	
	Liqueur	Azorubin	
Germany	Chocolate	Sunflower lecithin (2) ^{*1} , Quinoline yellow	3
Myanmar	Konjak tuber powder	Sulfur dioxide (3)	3
Indonesia	Instant noodle	TBHQ	2
	Frozen shrimp	Sulfur dioxide	
Ghana	Seasoning	TBHQ (2)	2
Canada	Processed agricultural product	L-cysteine hydrochloride, Calcium stearoyl lactate	2
Switzerland	Chocolate	Sorbic Acid (2)	2
Spain	Chocolate	Acid blue 3 sodium salt	2
	Container packing filling pressurization heating sterilization food	TBHQ	
Philippines	Processed aquatic animal product	Rhodamine B	2
	Boiled octopus	Sulfur dioxide	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases *
New Caledonia	Candy	Patent blue V	1
Bangladesh	Fruit preparation	Sulfur dioxide	1
Portugal	Alcoholic beverage	Metatartaric acid	1
Hong Kong	Dried vegetable	Sulfur dioxide	1
Malaysia	Syrup	Sorbic Acid	1
South Africa	Dried fruit	Sulfur dioxide	1
Mexico	Alcoholic beverage	Azorubin	1
Latvia	Chocolate	Azorubin	1
Total			184

*1 Violation case occurred before standard revision.

*2 Gross number of cases violations.

Table 8-5 – Violations by Country, Item for Decay, Deterioration, Generation of Mold and Nasty smell (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Item Category	Cases
Thailand	Rice (16)	16
USA	Wheat (4)	15
	Soybean (4)	
	Rice (3)	
	Peanut(3)	
	Almond	
Canada	Wheat (7)	10
	Rapeseed (3)	
Brazil	Coffee bean (4)	6
	Soybean (2)	
Ethiopia	Coffee bean (5)	5
Colombia	Coffee bean (4)	4
Honduras	Coffee bean (3)	3
Indonesia	Coffee bean (2)	2
Laos	Coffee bean (2)	2
Italy	Rice	1
Uganda	Coffee bean	1
Guatemala	Coffee bean	1
Tanzania	Coffee bean	1
Paraguay	Soybean	1
Total		68

Table 8-6 – Violations by Country, Item and Violation details for Veterinary Drugs (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation details			Cases*
		Excess of standard values	Do not contain	Non-detectable	
Vietnam	Shrimp	Ethoxyquin (2) ^{*2} ; Oxytetracycline(7)	Enrofloxacin (18)	Chloramphenicol (5), Furazolidone (as AOZ) (4)	39
	Squid			Chloramphenicol (2)	
	File fish			Chloramphenicol	
India	Shrimp	Ethoxyquin (3) ^{*2}		Furazolidone (as AOZ) (6)	9
China	Shrimp		Sulfamethoxazole , Chlortetracycline		5
	White croaker		Enrofloxacin		
	Eel			Malachite green	
	Soft-shelled turtle		Enrofloxacin		
South Korea	Honey			Chloramphenicol	2
	Olive flounder		Enrofloxacin		
Thailand	Shrimp			Furazolidone (as AOZ)	1
Panama	Beef	Ivermectin			1
Total					57

*1 Gross number of cases violations.

*2 Violation in the reference value before the revision

Table 8-7 – Violations by Country and Material for Apparatus, Containers and Packaging (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Material type	Violation Details	Cases*
China	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue (16), Potassium permanganate consumption (3), Lead, Methyl methacrylate	29
	Ceramic	Cadmium (2), Lead (2)	
	Combination	Evaporation residue (2)	
	Porcelain enamel	Cadmium	
	Paper	Coloring agent	
Italia	Glass	Lead (2)	5
	Synthetic resin	Lead (2)	
	Rubber	Zinc	
Taiwan	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue (2), Lead	4
	Ceramic	Lead	
Israel	Synthetic resin	Potassium permanganate consumption (3)	3
Germany	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue (2)	3
	Rubber	Zinc	
France	Combination	Evaporation residue (2)	3
	Porcelain enamel	Cadmium	
Mexico	Synthetic resin	Cadmium, Lead	3
	Ceramic	Lead	
Indonesia	Rubber	Zinc (2)	2
Malaysia	Rubber	Zinc	2
	Synthetic resin	Potassium permanganate consumption	
USA	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	1
Portugal	Glass	Lead	1
Total			56

*Gross number of cases violations.

Table 8-8 – Violations by Country and Material for Toys (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Material type	Violation Details	Cases*
China	Combination	Bisphthalate (2), Coloring agent (2)	5
	Synthetic resin	Coloring agent	
Thailand	Combination	Bisphthalate	1
Hong Kong	Fabric	Lead	1
Total			7

*Gross number of cases violations.

Table 9 – Major Examples of Enhanced Monitoring based on Overseas Information (FY 2013)

Month of Enhancement	Subject Country	Subject Food and Details	Background and Status
May	Taiwan	Starch products (Possible contamination with maleic acid)	Information was received stating that in Taiwan contamination with maleic acid was found in starch products and relevant starch products were recalled. When an import notification was made for such recall products, steps were taken for reshipment.
June	Turkey	Tahini (sesame paste) and related processed products (Possible contamination with <i>Salmonella</i>)	Information was received stating that in Turkey tahini (sesame paste) and related processed products were recalled in relation to food poisoning occurred in the USA and New Zealand due to <i>Salmonella</i> . When an import notification was made for such recall products, steps were taken for reshipment etc.
June	France	Soft and semi-soft natural cheeses (Possible contamination with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>)	Information was received stating that in France contamination with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> was found in soft and semi-soft natural cheeses and relevant cheeses were recalled. When an import notification was made for soft and semi-soft natural cheeses from the relevant manufacturer, steps were taken for reshipment.
July	USA	Soft and semi-soft natural cheeses (Possible contamination with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>)	Information was received stating that in the USA food poisoning occurred due to <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and soft and semi-soft natural cheeses were recalled. When an import notification was made for such recall products, steps were taken for reshipment.
July	Chile	Chicken and related processed products (Possible contamination with dioxin)	Information was received stating that in Chile contamination with dioxin was found in chicken meat, and issuance of sanitation certificate for chicken meat processed at the relevant facility was suspended. When an import notification was made for such chicken meat processed at the relevant facility, steps were taken for reshipment etc.
September	UK	Smoked salmon (Possible contamination with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>)	Information was received stating that in the UK contamination with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> was found in smoked salmon and relevant smoked salmon was recalled. When an import notification was made for such recall products, steps were taken such as complying with the recall procedures at the exporting country.

Table 10 – Implementations of Major Bilateral Talks and On-Site Inspections (FY 2013)

Subject Item (Inspection order item, etc.)	Bilateral Talks	Date of Site Survey, etc.
Mexico, Avocado (agricultural chemical residues)	The consultation has begun in March 2011. In June 2013, on-site inspections were carried out for verification of agricultural chemical residues control measures adopted by the Mexican government on avocados exported to Japan. Talks are continuing.	June 2013
India, Cultured shrimp and prawn (furazolidone)	The consultation has begun in November 2012. Talks are continuing on control of furazolidone.	-
Argentina, Wine (natamycin)	The consultation has begun in March 2013. In October 2013, the Argentinean government adopted natamycin control measures. On verification of appropriate improvements, the monitoring system was changed to normal.	-
Thailand, Papaya (genetic modified food)	The consultation has begun in July 2013. Implementation of remedial measures is requested.	-
Thailand, Asparagus, okra, banana, mango and mangosteen (agricultural chemical residues)	The consultation has begun in November 2013. Talks are continuing.	-
South Korea, Red chili pepper (agricultural chemical residues)	The consultation has begun in November 2013. In January 2014, the Korean government adopted agricultural chemical residues control measures pertaining to violations, and the inspection orders were cancelled.	-
Ireland, Beef (BSE)	Based on the Risk Assessment Report issued by FSCJ in October 2013, the consultation with Ireland was carried out to remove import bans within the limits of the assessment. On-site inspections were carried out to confirm the preparation state for enforcing a Japan export program. The import bans on Irish beef were lifted in December 2013.	November 2013
USA, Beef (BSE)	Based on the Risk Assessment Report issued by FSCJ in October 2012, the consultation with USA was carried out to review the import conditions within the limits of the assessment. In February 2013, import from designated facilities was resumed, with observation of the new Japan export program as export conditions. On-site inspections were carried out on facilities approved for export to Japan, to verify observation of the Japan export program. Talks are continuing.	December 2013
Denmark, Cheese (<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>)	The consultation has begun in November 2013. In March 2014, the Danish government adopted sanitation control measures, and the inspection orders were cancelled.	March 2014

Table 11 – Implementation of Exporting Country Pre-Inspections (FY 2013)

Netherlands	
Subject of inspection	System investigation of foods exported to Japan in the Netherlands
Relevant law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Principles and Requirements of Food Law (Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002) • Hygiene of Foodstuffs (Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004) • Official Controls Performed to Ensure the Verification of Compliance with Feed and Food Law, Animal Health and Animal Welfare Rules (Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004)
Summary	<p>Descriptions were given by a representative from the Dutch government on the food sanitation regulations in the Netherlands, and opinions were exchanged. Further, a seminar on import food monitoring systems and sanitation regulations in Japan was held targeting Dutch government officials etc.</p> <p>Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of production control including agricultural chemical residues and the conditions of microorganism control, at leek farms and cheese manufacturing facilities.</p>
South Korea	
Subject of inspection	System investigation of foods exported to Japan in South Korea
Relevant law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRAMEWORK ACT ON FOOD SAFETY, Act No. 10999, Aug. 4, 2011 • FOOD SANITATION ACT, Act No. 10787, jun. 7, 2011 • AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS QUALITY CONTROL ACT, Act No. 11458, jun. 1, 2012 • LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS SANITARY CONTROL ACT, Act No. 11358, Feb. 22, 2012
Summary	<p>Descriptions were given by a representative from the South Korean government on the food sanitation regulations and sanitation control systems for food exports to Japan in South Korea, and opinions were exchanged. Further, a seminar on import food monitoring systems and sanitation regulations in Japan was held targeting government officials etc.</p> <p>Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of agricultural chemical residues control, at mini tomato farms and paprika farms.</p>
Peru	
Subject of inspection	System investigation of foods exported to Japan in Peru
Relevant law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Safety Law (Ley No 1062) • Regulation of the Food Safety Law (D.S. 034-2008-AG) • Agricultural Product Safety Regulation (No 004-2011-AG) • General Health Law (Ley No 26842)
Summary	<p>Descriptions were given by a representative from the Peruvian government on the food sanitation regulations and sanitation control systems for food exports to Japan in Peru, and opinions were exchanged.</p> <p>Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of agricultural chemical residues control for vegetables and fruit and the production control conditions for chicken egg products, pertaining to those exported to Japan.</p>

South Africa	
Subject of inspection	System investigation of foods exported to Japan in South Africa
Relevant law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Product Standards Act No,119 of 1990 • Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectant Act No,54 of 1972 • Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act No,36 of 1947 • Standards Act No,29 of 1993
Summary	<p>Descriptions were given by a representative from the South African government on the food sanitation regulations in South Africa, and opinions were exchanged. Further, a seminar on import food monitoring systems and sanitation regulations in Japan was held targeting government officials, food suppliers, etc.</p> <p>Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of agricultural chemical residues control etc. at orange farms.</p>
Mexico	
Subject of inspection	System investigation of foods exported to Japan in Mexico
Relevant law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Animal Health Law (LEY FEDERAL DE SANIDAD ANIMAL) • Federal Plant Health Law (LEY FEDERAL DE SANIDAD VEGETAL)
Summary	<p>Descriptions were given by a representative from the Mexican government on the food sanitation regulations in Mexico, and opinions were exchanged. Further, a seminar on import food monitoring systems and sanitation regulations in Japan was held targeting government officials etc.</p> <p>Additionally, on-site inspections were carried out for the conditions of production control including agricultural chemicals at avocado farms.</p>

Table 12 – Outcomes of Import Consultations at Office on Imported Food Consultation by FY

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY2012	FY2013
Import consultations implemented	13,275	14,324	15,122	13,962	12,492
Import consultations on item-by-item basis	34,245	34,479	27,334	27,825	23,903
Violations on item-by-item basis	310	426	354	372	354

* Offices of Imported Food Consultation are set up in each quarantine station in Otaru, Sendai, Narita Airport, Tokyo, Yokohama, Niigata, Nagoya, Osaka, Kansai Airport, Kobe, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, and Naha.

* Figures include only advance consultations implemented prior to import in Office of Imported Food Consultation.

Table 13 – Number of Violations in Import Consultation by Provision (FY 2013)

Provision	Violations (cases)	Proportion (%)	Details of major violations
Article 6 (Foods and additives prohibited to distribute)	4	1.0	Use of lupin Ciguatera fish poison
Article 9 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of diseased meat, etc.)	10	2.5	Use of material sourced from beef arriving via countries with incidents of BSE (instruct to keep from importing)
Article 10 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of additives, etc.)	186	46.9	Use of Azorubin, Amidated pectin, Carboxymethylcellulose, Quinoline yellow, Sunflower lecithin, Iodized salt, Potassium iodide, Cyclamic acid, TBHQ
Article 11 (Standards and criteria for foods and additives)	196	49.4	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard, Violation of usage standards for additives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-compliance with manufacturing standard: inadequate sterilization of soft drinks ▪ Use to inhibited foods: use of potassium sorbate in mayonnaise ▪ Use of excessive amounts: use of polysorbate 80 in snack food
Article 18 (Standards and criteria for apparatus or containers and packaging)	1	0.3	Non-compliance with standard for materials
Total	397 (Gross) 354(Real)		

Table 14 – Cases of Import Consultations by County, Item and Violation details (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Item	Violation details	Cases ※2
USA	Health food	Potassium sorbate(11),Use of material sourced from beef in the countries with incidents of BSE(5), Croscarmellose sodium(3), Sodium selenite(3), Chromic chloride(2), Quercetin dihydrate, Zinc gluconate,Zinc oxide,Copper(I)oxide,Choline bitartrate, Synthesized vitamin K2,Threonine calcium, Sunflower lecithin※ ¹ ,Ferrous fumarate, methanol,Potassium iodide(2), Manganese sulfate	72
	Confectionery	Sodium benzoate(2),Zinc oxide,Sodium aluminium phosphate, acidic(2),Magnesium stearate,Sodium aluminium phosphate, Polysorbate80	
	Powdered soft drink	Magnesium lactate(2),Sodium benzoate,Sodium aluminium silicate,Sodium stearyl lactylate,Menaquinone7,Magnesium gluconate	
	Soft drink	Ammoniated glycyrrhizin,silver oxide,Brominated vegetable oil,Magnesium lactate	
	Other food	TBHQ(4),Sodium aluminium silicate(2),D-mannitol,Potassium sorbate,Zinc oxide,Sulfur dioxide,Sunflower lecithin※ ¹	
	Seasoning	Potassium sorbate(2)	
	Chocolate	Potassium sorbate,Polysorbate80	
	Frozen food	Iodized Salt(2)	
	Fruits preparation	Silicone resin	
	Candy	Potassium sorbate	
	Cookie	Sunflower lecithin※ ¹	
	Cake mix	Sodium stearyl lactylate	
	Snack	Butylated hydroxytoluene	
	Chocolate syrup	Polysorbate60	
	Dressing	Sodium benzoate	
	Pancake mix	Sodium aluminium phosphate	
	Sitosterol	Undesignated additive	
Apparatus	Argon gas		
France	Seasoning	Potassium sorbate(8)	39
	Soft drink	Sodium benzoate(6)	
	Chocolate	Potassium sorbate(2),Quinoline yellow(2),Patent Blue V,Iron sesquioxide	
	Frozen dough	Sunflower lecithin(3) ※ ¹ ,Ferrous gluconate	
	Fruit wine	Argon gas(3)	
	Fruits preparation	Succistearin,Patent Blue,Potassium sodium tartrate	
	Dry fruit	Potassium sorbate(3)	
	Confectionery	Carmine,Patent Blue,Sunflower lecithin※ ¹	
	Caffeinless coffee	Dichloromethane	
	Chocolate cake	L-Cysteine	
Frozen food	L-Cysteine monohydrochloride		

Country of Production	Item	Violation details	Cases ※2
Australia	Frozen yogurt	Carboxy methyl cellulose(16)	29
	Health food	Magnesium stearate(3), Iron oxide(2), Azorubine, Quinoline yellow, Iron sesquioxide, Use of colostrum, Lutein	
	Frozen food	Thiamine, Iodized Salt	
	Oils and Fats	BHA	
South Korea	Health food	Zinc oxide(5), Sodium aluminium silicate(3), Sodium stearoyl lactylate(3), Ferrous fumarate(3), Chromium picolinate, Polyethylene glycol	29
	Powdered soft drink	Calcium carbonate(3), Sodium stearoyl lactylate	
	Soft drink	Non-conformity with manufacturing standard(2), Propylene glycol	
	Snack	Polysorbate80(2)	
	Kimchi	Potassium sorbate	
	Cereals preparation	Zinc oxide	
	Other food	Polysorbate20	
Retort food	Use of material sourced from beef in the countries with incidents of BSE		
Spain	Soft drink	Cyclamic acid(11), Potassium sorbate(8)	27
	Alcoholic drink	Potassium aluminium silicate(3)	
	Health food	Use of material sourced from beef in the countries with incidents of BSE (2), Potassium sorbate	
	Olive pickles	Sorbic acid	
	Wine	Carboxy methyl cellulose	
Italy	Biscuits	Sunflower lecithin(5) ※1	20
	Caffeinless coffee	Ethyl acetate(2), Dichloromethane	
	Soft drink	Amidated pectin, Sodium benzoate, Potassium sorbate	
	Seasoning	Use of material sourced from beef in the countries with incidents of BSE, Sulfur dioxide, Iodine	
	Frozen food	Potassium sorbate(2)	
	Almond cookie	Sorbic acid	
	Wheat flour preparation	L-Cysteine	
	Seeds preparation	Sunflower lecithin ※1	
	Herb tea	Use of material sourced from beef in the countries with incidents of BSE	
Hungary	Seasoning	Potassium sorbate(13)	17
	Pepper preparation	Potassium sorbate(2)	
	Soft drink	Sodium cyclamate	
	Bread	Azorubine	

Country of Production	Item	Violation details	Cases ※2
Germany	Health food	Chromium chloride, Sodium Selenate, Sodium molybdate	15
	Chocolate	Sorbic acid(3)	
	Powdered soup	Iodized Salt(3)	
	Retort food	Iodized Salt(2)	
	Confectionery	Lupin	
	Cereals	Sunflower lecithin※1	
	Buicuits	Sunflower lecithin※1	
	Wine jelly	Sorbic acid	
China	Sugar	Sodium methylparaben, Potassium sorbate, Methyl cellulose	14
	Seasoning	Potassium sorbate(2)	
	Ice cream corn	TBHQ	
	Fish paste product	Sorbic acid	
	Fish oils	Urea	
	Health food	Ethyl acetate	
	Chili sauces	Potassium sorbate	
	Biscuits	L-Ascorbyl dipalmitate	
	Yuba	Silicone resin	
	Vegetable preparation	Sorbic acid	
	Apparatus	Non-conformity with standard for material	
Belgium	Chocolate	Sunflower lecithin(9)※1	11
	Confectionery	Sunflower lecithin※1	
	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate	
Taiwan	Tapioca starch mix	Potassium sorbate(3)	10
	Cream powder	Sodium aluminium silicate, Sodium aluminium silicate, Sodium stearyl lactylate	
	Confectionery	Sodium aluminium silicate, Monosodium citrate	
	Seasoning	Sucralose, Sorbic acid	
Colombia	Sugar	Calcium saccharin(8)	9
	Liquor	Benzoic acid	
New Zealand	Health food	Propylene glycol(4), Trisodium phosphate	9
	Processed fruits product	Sodium copper chlorophyllin	
	Processed Cereals product	Lactisole	
	Soft drink	Sorbic acid	
	Propolis	Propylene glycol	

Country of Production	Item	Violation details	Cases ※2
Mexico	Seasoning	Sodium benzoate(3),Potassium sorbate(2), Emerald green, Iodine	9
	Frozen food	Sodium propionate	
	Liqueur	Potassium benzoate	
Thailand	Confectionery	Iodine (3)	8
	Seasoning	Sodium benzoate,Copper chlorophyll	
	Udon soup	Sodium benzoate	
	Health food	Iron sesquioxide	
	Sor	Azorubine	
UK	Other seasoning	Potassium sorbate(4)	7
	Dry banana	Sunflower lecithin※1	
	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate	
	Chocolate	Iron sesquioxide	
Switzerland	Health food	Ferrous gluconate(3), Magnesium gluconate(2), Iron sesquioxide	7
	Powdered soft drink	Chromium chloride	
Canada	Soft drink	Chromium(III) compound, Potassium sorbate	6
	Candy	Carmine	
	Frozen food	Sorbic acid	
	Wine	Metatartaric acid	
	Oils and Fats	Sodium benzoate	
India	Processed vegetable product	Sodium benzoate, Calcium acetate	5
	Confectionery	Iodine	
	Health food	Ethyl acetate	
	Other food	Ethyl acetate	
Lithuania	Frozen food	Iodized Salt(4), Lupin	5
Indonesia	Soft drink	Sodium cyclamate,Sucralose	4
	Grilled eel without seasoning	Chlorine dioxide	
	Candy	Magnesium stearate	
Austria	Health food	Potassium sorbate(2)	4
	Soft drink	Non-conformity with manufacturing standard	
	Powdered soft drink	Magnesium citrate	
Brazil	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate(2)	4
	Processed bean product	Disodium EDTA, Sodium sorbate	
Vietnam	Frozen food	Potassium sorbate(4)	4
Malaysia	Soft drink	Non-conformity with manufacturing standard,Potassium sorbate	4
	Health food	Silicon dioxide	
	Powdered soft drink	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	

Country of Production	Item	Violation details	Cases *2
Israel	Chewing gum	Styrene-butadiene rubber (3)	3
Turkey	Vegetables preparation	Potassium sorbate(2)	3
	Biscuits	Potassium sorbate	
Peru	Cereal preparation	TBHQ,Sorbic acid	3
	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate	
Latvia	Confectionery	Ammonium phosphatides, Disodium citrate, Green S	3
Netherlands	Non-alcohol beverage	Potassium sorbate	2
	Frozen food	Sunflower lecithin**1	
Singapore	Other food	Potassium sorbate,Sodium stearoyl lactylate	2
Finland	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate(2)	2
Poland	Creaming powder	Sodium stearoyl lactylate(2)	2
Guatemala	Processed seed product	TBHQ	1
Cayman Islands	Confectionery	Aluminum sulfate	1
Sri Lanka	Processed fish product	Iodized Salt	1
Slovenia	Confectionery	Carboxy methyl cellulose	1
Norway	Fish Oil	Sodium ethoxide	1
Phillipine	Coconut crab	Non-conformity for food	1
Malta	Dry fig	Potassium sorbate	1
Myanmmer	Powdered soft drink	Sodium aluminium silicate	1
Undetermined	Epinephelus fuscoguttatus	Ciguateratoxins	1
Total			397

*1 Violation case occurred before standard revision.

*2 Gross number of cases violations.

Table 15 – Imported Food Violations Detected IN Domestic Monitoring (FY 2013)

Country of Production	Item	Violation Details	Cases*
South Korea	Cultured olive flounder	<i>Kudoa septempunctata</i> (6)	6
China	Sea urchin (For raw consumption)	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (MPN) (2)	3
	Seasonings	Benzoic acid	
Thailand	Instant noodle	TBHQ, Peroxide Value	2
Yemen	Biscuit	TBHQ	1
Italy	Fruit preparation	Radioactive substance(Cs)	1
Spain	Olive (Boiled in water)	Benzoic acid	1
Phillipine	Banana	Fipronil	1
France	Chocolate confectionery	Sunflower lecithin	1
USA	Confectionery	TBHQ	1
Belgium	Chicory	Thiabendazole	1
Total			19

*Gross number of cases violations.

(Reference) Description of Key Terms

Term	Description
Acid blue 3 sodium salt	Undesignated additive
Nitrite	Additives (coloring agent)
Acesulfame potassium	Additives (sweetener)
Acetochlor	Agricultural chemical (anilide herbicide)
Acephate	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorous insecticide)
Sodium selenite	Undesignated additive
Azorubine	Undesignated additive
Atrazine	Agricultural chemical (herbicide)
Aflatoxin	Mycotoxin produced by the fungus <i>Aspergillus</i> , etc.
Amidated pectin	Undesignated additive
Ametryn	Agricultural chemical (triazine herbicide)
Argon	Undesignated additive
Aldrin	Agricultural chemical (organochlorine insecticide)
Sodium aluminosilicate	Undesignated additive
Benzoic acid	Additives (preservative)
Potassium benzoate	Undesignated additive
Sodium benzoate	Additives (preservative)
Ammoniated glycyrrhizin	Undesignated additive
Ammonium phosphatides	Undesignated additive
Isoprocarb	Agricultural chemical (insecticide)
Isoprothiolane	Agricultural chemical (fungicide)
Genetic modification	Technology such as fragmentation of bacterial genes, followed by arrangement of the gene sequences or introducing the arranged genes into other organism's genes.
Ivermectin	Veterinary drug (anti-parasite medicine)
Indoxacarb	Agricultural chemical (insecticide)
Ethoxyquin	Feed additives (antioxidant)
Ethoprophos	Agricultural chemical (insecticide)
Emerald green	Undesignated additive
Chromiun chloride	Undesignated additive
Chromic chloride	Undesignated additive
Endosulfan	Agricultural chemical (organochlorine insecticide)
Enrofloxacin	Veterinary drug (new quinolone synthetic antibacterial agent)
Oxolinic acid	Veterinary drug (quinolone synthetic antibacterial agent)
Ofloxacin	Veterinary drug (synthetic antibacterial agent)
Orange II	Undesignated additive
Carbaryl	Agricultural chemical (carbamate insecticide)
Carboxymethyl cellulose	Undesignated additive
Calmin	Undesignated additive

Term	Description
Quinoline yellow	Undesignated additive
Quercetin dihydrate	Undesignated additive
Sodium dihydrogen citrate	Undesignated additive
Disodium citrate	Undesignated additive
Glyphosate	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorous herbicide)
Green S	Undesignated additive
Zinc gluconate	Additives (enhancer)
Ferrous gluconate	Additives (color stabilizer)
Magnesium gluconate	Undesignated additive
Croscarmellose sodium	Undesignated additive
Chromic compound	Undesignated additive
Chloramphenicol	Veterinary drug (chloramphenicol antibiotic)
Chlordane	Agricultural chemical (organochlorine insecticide)
Chlorpyrifos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorous insecticide)
Potassium aluminium silicate	Undesignated additive
Sodium aluminium silicate	Undesignated additive
Diarrhetic shellfish toxin	Shellfish toxin (mainly refers to toxins produced by a harmful plankton accumulated in clams, toxic clams cause diarrhetic poisoning)
Cyclamic acid	Undesignated additive
Sodium cyclamate	Undesignated additive
Ethyl acetate	Additives (manufacturing agent)
Calcium acetate	Undesignated additive
Succistearin	Undesignated additive
Calcium saccharin	Undesignated additive
Salmonella	Pathogenic microorganism (A bacterium that is ubiquitous in the intestines of animals as well as in nature, such as rivers, sewage and lakes. It contaminates meat, mostly poultry and eggs, and causes acute abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever and vomiting.)
Zinc oxide	Undesignated additive
Silver oxide	Undesignated additive
Copper(I) oxide	Undesignated additive
Acidic sodium aluminum phosphate	Undesignated additive
Cyanide	Harmful or poisonous compound (cyanide-related compounds (e.g., cyanogenic glycoside)) found in vegetables such as some varieties of beans.
Diuron (DCMU)	Agricultural chemical (herbicide)
Dichloromethane	Undesignated additive
Diniconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
L-ascorbyl dipalmitate	Undesignated additive

Term	Description
Difenoconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Cyproconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Cypermethrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Simeconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Choline bitartrate	Undesignated additive
Brominated vegetable oil	Undesignated additive
Potassium sodium tartrate	Undesignated additive
Silicone resin	Additives (anti-foaming agent)
Cyromazine	Agricultural chemical (heterocyclic insecticide)
Sudan I	Undesignated additive
Sucralose	Additives (sweetener)
Styrene-butadiene rubber	Undesignated additive
Magnesium stearate	Additives (enhancer)
Calcium stearoyl lactylate	Additives (emulsifier)
Sodium stearoyl lactylate	Additives (emulsifier)
Sulfadimidine	Veterinary drug (synthetic antibacterial agent)
Sulfamethoxazole	synthetic antibacterial agent (sulfa agent)
Sodium selenate	Undesignated additive
Sorbic acid	Additives (preservative)
Potassium sorbate	Additives (preservative)
Sodium sorbate	Undesignated additive
Calcium carbonate	Additives (enhancer)
Thiabendazole	Agricultural chemical (heterocyclic fungicide)
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	Pathogenic microorganism (A bacterium living in seawater (estuaries, coastal areas, etc.) that commonly contaminates fish and shellfish, and causes abdominal pain, watery diarrhea, fever and vomiting.)
Enterohemorrhagic <i>Escherichia coli</i> (E.coli) O26, O157 etc.	Pathogenic microorganism (A bacterium that normally lives in the intestines of animals. It contaminates foods and drinking water by way of feces and urine, and causes acute abdominal pain and bloody diarrhea together with large amounts of fresh blood after early cold-like symptoms.)
Chocolate brown HT	Undesignated additive
Dieldrin	Agricultural chemical (organochlorine insecticide)
Tetracyclines antibiotics	Generic name of the antibiotics having a constant spectrum. i.e., oxytetracycline, chlortetracycline and tetracycline etc.
Tebuconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Sodium copper chlorophyllin	Additives (coloring agent)
Copper chlorophyll	Additives (coloring agent)
Triadimenol	Agricultural chemical (phenoxy fungicide)
Triazophos	Agricultural chemical (phenoxy insecticide)

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Trifluralin	Agricultural chemical (dinitroaniline insecticide)
Threonine calcium	Undesignated additive
Natamycin	Additives (used for food manufacturing)
Sodium ethoxide	Undesignated additive
Sulfur dioxide	Additives (antioxidant)
Chlorine dioxide	Additives (flour treatment agents)
Silicon dioxide	Additives (manufacturing agent)
Magnesium lactate	Undesignated additive
Urea	Undesignated additive
Paclobutrazol	Agricultural chemical (triazole growth regulator)
Patulin	Mycotoxin (produced by the fungi such as Penicillium and Aspergillus)
Patent blue V	Undesignated additive
Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	Undesignated additive
Haloxypop	Agricultural chemical (herbicide)
Chromium picolinic acid	Undesignated additive
Bifenthrin	Agricultural chemical (insecticide)
Pyridaben	Agricultural chemical (insecticide)
Pirimiphos methyl	Agricultural chemical (insecticide)
Famoxadone	Agricultural chemical (fungicide)
Fipronil	Agricultural chemical (heterocyclic insecticide)
Fenvalerate	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Ferrous fumarate	Undesignated additive
Brown HT	Undesignated additive
Furazolidone	Veterinary drug (nitrofurantoin synthetic antibacterial agent) ; generates AOZ when metabolized
Fluazifop	Agricultural chemical (herbicide)
Fluquinconazole	Agricultural chemical (fungicide)
Flutriafol	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Sodium propionate	Additives (preservative)
Propiconazole	Agricultural chemical (fungicide)
Propylene glycol	Additives (solvent)
Propham	Agricultural chemical (herbicide)
Profenophos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorous insecticide)
Prometryn	Agricultural chemical (triazine herbicide)
Hexachlorobenzene	Agricultural chemical (organochlorine insecticide)
Hexaconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Phoxim	Agricultural chemical (insecticide)
Polyethylene glycol	Undesignated additive
Polysorbate	Additives (emulsifier)

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Paralytic shellfish poison	Shellfish poison (mainly refers to toxins produced by a harmful plankton accumulated in clams, toxic clams cause paralytic poisoning)
Malachite green	Veterinary drug (triphenylmethane synthetic antibacterial agent)
Metatartaric acid	Undesignated additive
Methanol	Undesignated additive
Methamidophos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorous insecticide)
Metalaxyl	Agricultural chemical (anilide fungicide)
Methyl cellulose	Additives (thickening agents or stabilizers)
Menaquinone-7	Undesignated additive
Mefenoxam	Agricultural chemical (anilide fungicide)
Sodium molybdate	Undesignated additive
Potassium iodide	Undesignated additive
Iodine	Undesignated additive
Iodized salt	Undesignated additive
Lactisole	Undesignated additive
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Pathogenic microorganism (A normal flora in the natural environment that contaminates milk products and processed meat products, and causes influenza-like symptoms including tiredness and fever)
Aluminium sulfate	Undesignated additive
Manganese sulfate	Undesignated additive
Tricalcium phosphate	Additives (enhancer)
Sodium aluminum phosphate	Undesignated additive
Rhodamine B	Undesignated additive
2,4-D	Agricultural chemical (phenoxy acid herbicide)
4-Chlorophenoxyacetic acid	Agricultural chemical (plant growth regulator)
Sodium methylparaben	Undesignated additive
Iron sesquioxide	Additives (coloring agent)
BHA (butylated hydroxyanisole)	Additives (antioxidant)
BHT (butylhydroxytoluene)	Additives (antioxidant)
BSE (bovin spongiform encephalopathy)	An indolent malignant central neurological disease in cattle that causes a spongy degeneration in the brain tissues and symptoms including astasia.
D-mannitol	Additives (sweetener)
Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	Additives (antioxidant)
<i>Kudoa septempunctata</i>	Kind of parasite that causes food poisoning. (Myxosporidia)
L-cysteine	Undesignated additive
L-cysteine hydrochloride	Additives (enhancer)
TBHQ	Undesignated additive