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Introduction

The total foods, additives, equipments, containers and packages and toys (referred to as 'the food(s)' collectively hereinafter) imported into Japan was about 1.87 million in number and 31.8 million tons in volume on a declaration basis (quick estimation for FY2005). The food self-sufficiency ratio is approximately 40% in Japan (food self-sufficiency ratio related with the total calories supplied, based on the Food Balance Sheet for FY2004 by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries).

Against the background, with regard to governmental monitoring and guidance on foods imported into Japan (referred to as 'imported foods' hereinafter), in order to ensure food safety, the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for FY2005 (referred to as 'the Plan' hereinafter) was developed based on public comments obtained and risk communications held according to the implementation guidelines for monitoring and guidance on food sanitation (Notification No. 301 of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, 2003) under Section 1, Article 23 of the Food Sanitation Law (Law No. 233 in 1947, referred to as 'the Law' hereinafter), and was implemented based on the Plan after publishing it on an official gazette as a ministry report under Section 3, Article 23 of the Law.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare is to publish around next year the overview of the actual situation as well as the results of inspections on imported foods, such as monitoring conducted according to the Plan and inspection order, and the overview of the actual situation as well as the results of monitoring of and guidance for importers. The Ministry publishes the present document showing the results of monitoring and guidance based on the Plan for FY2005.



Publishing Food Safety Activities on the MHLW Website

- Food Safety Information:
<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/topics/bukyoku/iyaku/syoku-anzen/index.html>
- Imported foods monitoring website:
<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/topics/yunyu/tp0130-1.html>

1. Overview of the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for FY2005

1. What is the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan?

It is a plan concerning implementation of monitoring and guidance on imported foods by the government (Article 23 of the Law).

[Objective]

To promote intensive, effective and efficient implementation of entry inspection and monitoring of and guidance for importers by the national government to ensure safety of imported foods.

2. Principles for Monitoring and Guidance on Imported Foods

Based on Article 4 of the Food Safety Basic Law (Law No.48 in 2003)(food safety should be secured by appropriate measures in every stage of domestic and overseas food supply chain), a plan is designed to take measures for ensuring sanitation in 3 stages; exporting countries, entry, and internal distribution.

3. Priority Items in Monitoring and Guidance

- Confirmation of existence of violations at import declaration
- Monitoring^{*1} (the Plan for FY2005: about 77, 000 for 122 food groups)
- Inspection order^{*2} (as of March 31, 2006: 16 products from all exporting countries, and 137 products from 26 countries and 1 region)
- Regulation for comprehensive prohibition on import^{*3}
- Emergency responses based on overseas information

4. Promotion of Sanitary Measures in Exporting Countries

- To request governments of exporting countries to establish sanitary control measures
- Reinforcement of control plus monitoring of agricultural chemicals, and promotion of pre-export inspection through bilateral talks and field surveys

5. Guidance for Importers Concerning Implementation of Voluntary Sanitary Management

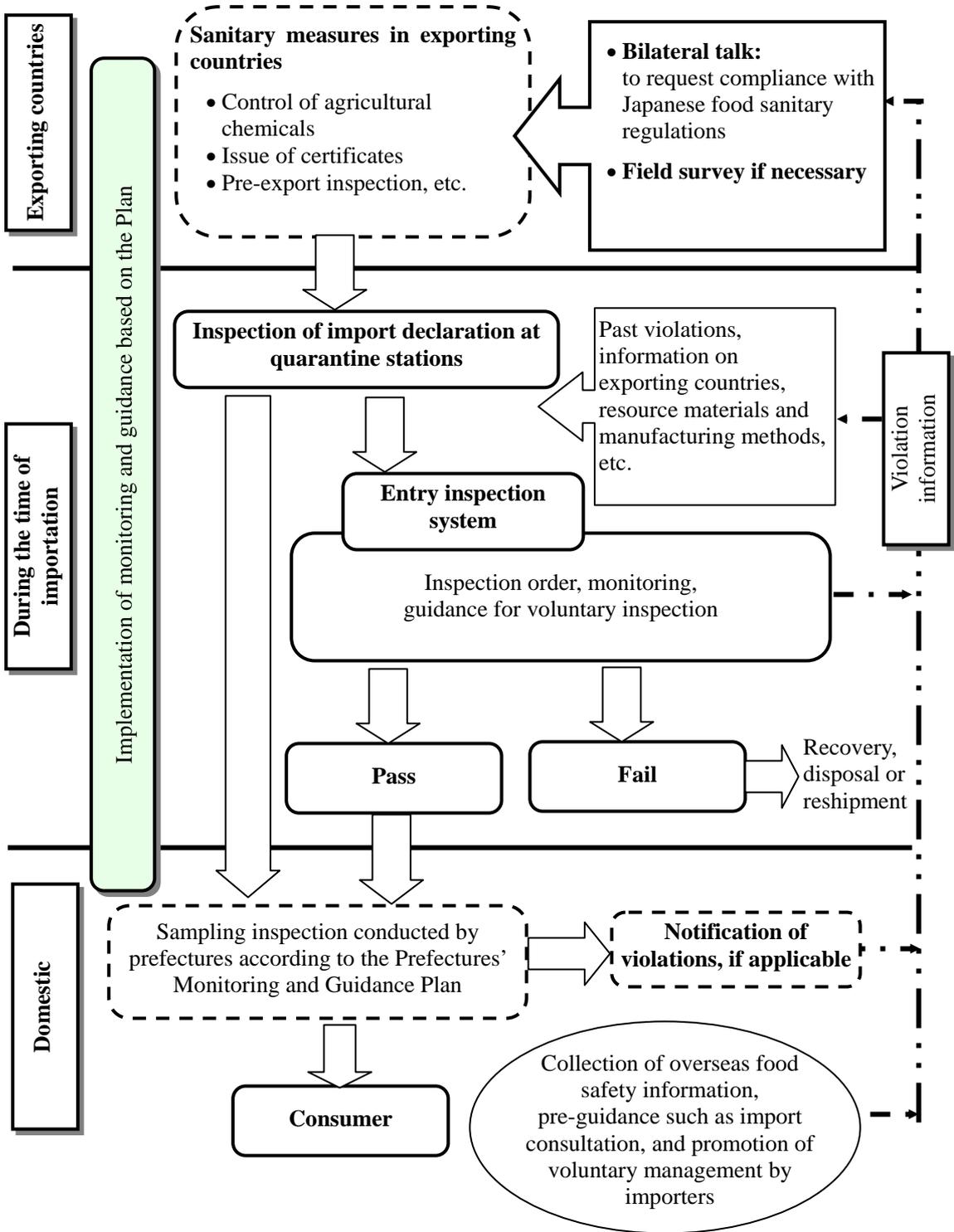
- Pre-import guidance (otherwise called import consultation)
- Guidance for entry inspection at initial import and for periodical voluntary inspection
- Guidance on record-keeping
- To spread knowledge on food sanitation among importers

*1: Scheduled inspections based on statistical strategy, taking into consideration import volume, violation rate, etc., by food type

*2: Inspection ordered by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare for products with high violation probability at every importation. Importation and distribution of those that fail to pass the monitoring are prohibited.

*3 A regulation speculating that the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare may prohibit distribution and importation of certain foods without any inspection if necessary to prevent hazard.

Overview of Monitoring and Guidance System on Imported Foods



2. Results of monitoring and guidance based on the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for FY2005

In order to ensure safety of imported foods, while monitoring and guidance at the time of importation of foods were conducted by the following measures, sanitation measures in exporting countries were promoted through bilateral talks and dispatch of experts, etc., when food sanitary issues occurred, based on the principle that the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and quarantine stations should take appropriate measures at each stage of production, manufacturing, and processing in exporting countries to post-import domestic distribution. In addition, by having closer cooperation in detecting violations with prefectures that conduct monitoring and guidance in post-import domestic distribution processes, appropriate measures were taken to facilitate prompt recall by importers, and entry inspection was reinforced if necessary.

(1) Confirmation by import declaration, etc., based on Article 27 of the Law

Basic information concerning compliance with rules and regulations on foods based on section 1, Article 11 or section 1 of Article 18 of the Law (referred to as ‘the rules and regulations’ hereinafter) was confirmed by import declaration, etc., according to Article 27 of the Law, and inspections required at the time of importation were conducted.

For declaration, inspection, and violation in FY2005 (Table 1), the total number was about 1.87 million, and the volume, 31.8 million tons, on a declaration basis in quick estimation. Inspection was conducted for 190 thousand accounting for 10.2% of all declared products. The 1,014 that accounted for 0.1% of all declared products were reshipped or disposed.

For violations by article (Table 2), 660 violations against Article 11 concerning microorganism standards or additive standards were the most frequent (61.1% of the gross number of violations (1,080 cases)), followed by 218 against Article 6 concerning attachment of harmful or hazardous substances such as aflatoxin (20.2%), and 165 against Article 10 concerning the use of unspecified additives (15.3%).

For violations by type of inspection, 346 violations concerning standards for constituents of frozen food, etc., (Table 3-1) were the most frequent (32.0% of the gross number of violations, 1,080), followed by 334 (30.9%) concerning the use of unspecified additives or standard use (Table 3-2), 179 (16.6%) concerning harmful and hazardous substances (Table 3-3), 57 (5.3%) concerning residual pesticides (Table 3-4), and 54 (5.0%) concerning the remaining veterinary drugs (Table 3-5).

For violations concerning microbe standard by country (Table 3-1), China with 128 was the highest (37.0% of the gross number of violations concerning microbe standard, 346), followed by Thailand with 58 (16.8%), and Vietnam, 46 (13.3%). Listed data by product and type shows that those concerning microbe standard of frozen food (number of general living microbes, coliform bacillus, and *E. coli*) are the most violations occurred in these areas.

For violations concerning additives by country (Table 3-2), China with 138 concerning additives was the highest (41.3% of the gross number of violations concerning additives, 324), followed by the US, 27 (8.1%), and Taiwan, 24 (7.2%). Violation data listed by

product and type shows that violation of residual standard of sulfur dioxide in dried vegetables and the use of cyclamic acid in pickles and seasonings, etc. were the greatest in China, polysorbate in sauce and dressing in the US, and cyclamic acid in various types of foods, etc., in Taiwan.

For violations concerning harmful or hazardous substances (Table 3-3), the US with 88 was the highest (49.2% of the gross number of violations concerning fungus, 179), followed by China with 54 (30.2%), and Thailand with 12 (6.7%). Data by product and event shows that violations concerning the attachment of aflatoxin to corns and almonds are the greatest number of violations occurred in the US, the attachment of aflatoxin to earthnuts and Job's tears in China, and the attachment of aflatoxin to basil seeds in Thailand.

For violations concerning the residual pesticides (Table 3-4), China with 20 violations was the highest (35.0% of the gross number of violations concerning the residual pesticides, 57), followed by Thailand with 10 (22.8%), and the US with 7 (12.3%). Data by product and event shows that violations concerning chlorpyrifos in chives and cabbages, and cypermethrin in immature peas are the most violations occurred in China, propiconazole in mangos in Thailand, and chlorpyrifos in parsleys in the US.

For violations concerning residual veterinary drugs (Table 3-5), China with 34 violations was the highest (63.0% of the gross number of violations concerning residual veterinary drugs, 54), followed by the US with 6 (11.1%) and Taiwan with 6 (11.1%). Data by product and event shows that violation concerning tetracycline antibiotics in shrimp and malachite green in sea eel are the most violations occurred in China, tetracycline antibiotics made from processed pollen in the US, and malachite green in aqua cultured fish in Taiwan.

(2) Monitoring According to Article 28 of the Law

For monitoring of various imported foods, the number of inspections and items are speculated by food groups taking into consideration the import results and past violation rates based on the number of statistical inspections enabling the detection of violation at a certain confidence level. About 77,000 inspections were conducted in FY2005.

Records of monitoring in FY2005 (Table 4) show 78,156 monitoring were conducted although 77,000 were planned (executing ratio: about 102%), and measures such as recovery were taken for 184 violations of them.

Monitoring rate increased when violations were detected during these monitoring tests (Table 5). In addition, inspection order was applied to conduct inspection at every importation in order to reinforce monitoring of foods with high violation possibilities, including those with two or more violations detected for products of the same country of origin for residual pesticides or veterinary drugs (Table 6), as well as of foods with detected harmful or hazardous materials such as aflatoxin (Table 7).

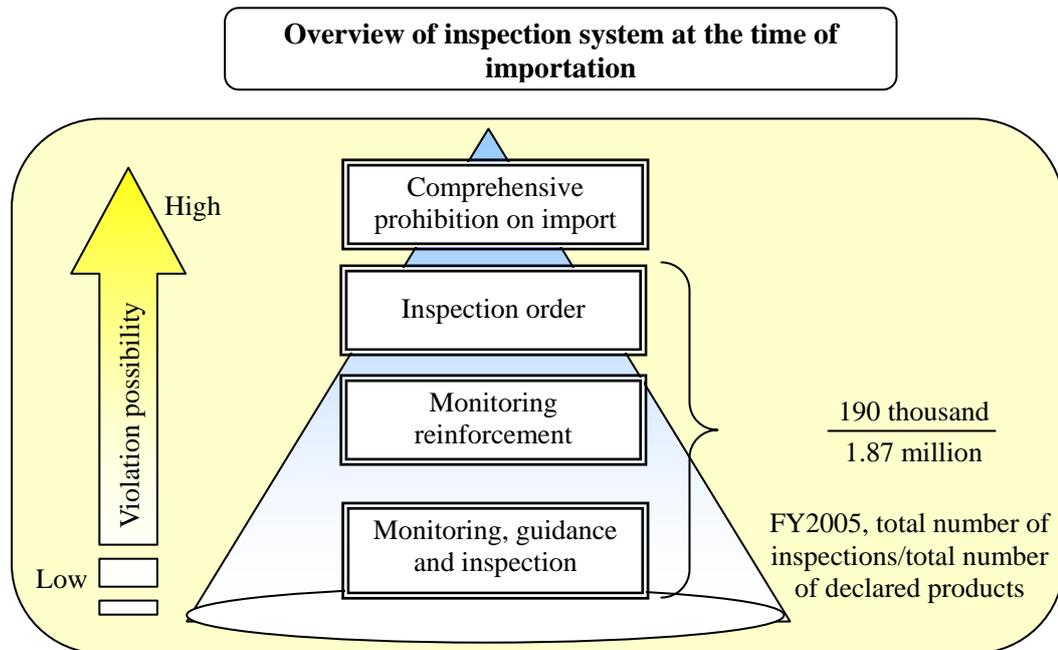
(3) Inspection Order Based on Article 26 of the Law

For foods with high violation possibilities, subject countries and regions, subject foods, and inspection items were stipulated and inspection order under Article 26 of the Law

was implemented to prevent food sanitation hazard.

As of March 31, 2006, inspection order was applied to 16 products from all countries and 137 products from 26 countries and 1 region. Records of inspection orders in FY2005 (Table 8) show that 78,610 inspection orders were conducted. Measures such as reshipment or recovery were taken for 225 violations among them.

Comprehensive prohibition on import under Article 8 or 17 of the Law wasn't applied to any products in FY2005.



(4) Foods Reshipped or Disposed according to Administrative Direction

In June 2003, The Subcommittee on Toxics in the Food Sanitation Committee under the Pharmaceutical Affairs and Food Sanitation Council (PAFSC) has discussed safety considerations for AOZ (3-amino-2-oxazolidinone) or Semicarbazide, part of metabolites of synthetic antimicrobial belonging to the nitrofurans family used for veterinary drugs. It was concluded that foods in which AOZ or semicarbazide have been detected should be removed from the distribution path. Accordingly, monitoring tests were carried out for poultry meat and cultured aquatic products. As the result, AOZ and semicarbazide were detected from the aquatic products from China and Taiwan (Table 9). Directions to reship or dispose those products were given to the importers.

(5) Emergency Responses Based on Information Concerning the Occurrence of Food Sanitation of Abroad Events

Based on overseas information such as occurrence of food poisoning and recall of foods violation collected by Food Safety Commission, Cabinet Office and National Institute of Health Sciences, in FY2005, reinforcement of monitoring system at the time of importation and investigations of domestic distribution were conducted for events such as *Listeria monocytogenes* contaminated natural cheese produced in Italy, parasite egg contaminated kimchi (Korean pickle) produced in Korea and China, and dioxin contaminated pork produced in Belgium and Netherlands (Table 10).

(6) Promotion of Sanitary Measures in Exporting Countries

In FY2005, in order to promote sanitary measures in exporting countries, for foods for which inspection order was applied or monitoring was reinforced, exporting countries were requested to provide information on violation of foods in question and, with bilateral consultations, to investigate causes of violations and take preventative measures.

When sanitary measures should be confirmed at the production stage in exporting countries for cases such as residual pesticides and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (referred to as 'BSE' hereinafter), experts were dispatched to the relevant countries to conduct field surveys concerning sanitary measures (Table 11).

In particular, according to the response from Food Safety Commission in December of 2005, the difference in BSE risk between Japanese domestic beef meat and those from the US and Canada is very small if the following conditions are met; 1) to remove specified risk materials (SRM) including brain, spinal cords of all ages, 2) import of beef from cattle aged 20 months or younger with proof of age. In response to this, in order to secure implementation of import conditions in both the US and Canada, experts were dispatched to the US and Canada to carry out field surveys concerning processing processes in the food facilities exporting to Japan.

(7) Guidance Concerning Implementation of Voluntary Sanitary Management by Importers

While importers were instructed on safety confirmation in advance by obtaining necessary information from producers or manufacturers of imported foods in question according to the Plan, consultation with quarantine stations was promoted in advance by holding explanation meetings for foods with violation history or those imported into Japan for the first.

Records of import consultation by Offices of Imported Foods Consultation in quarantine stations in FY2005 (Table 12) show 18,408 consultations by product conducted, among which 691 were violations detected in advance.

For violations by Article (Table 13), 477 violations against Article 11 concerning additive standards were the most frequent (51.8% of the gross number of violations, 920), followed by 419 against Article 10 concerning use of unspecified additives (45.5%).

For violations related with preliminary consultation by country (Table 14), the US with 152 violations was the highest (22.0% of the actual number of violations, 691),

followed by China, 83 (12.0%), and Korea, 70 (10.1%). Major violations by product and type include the use of unspecified additives in foods such as health foods.

When violations were detected in import consultation, importers were instructed to take appropriate measures to comply with the rules and regulations, and refrain from importation until improvement was conducted. Even with cases for which compliance was confirmed after improvement, importers were instructed to confirm if foods in question meet the standards by importing samples when necessary.

(8) Disclosure of Violation Information of Imported Foods and Cooperation With Prefectures

In order to clarify situations of food sanitary hazard, violation information including names and addresses of violators or foods in question was published on our website under Article 63 of the Law. In addition to the disclosure of names of the violators, details of improvement and causes for violations were published as soon as they were available.

Among violations detected at entry inspections, those already entered into Japan were immediately recalled in cooperation with the relevant prefectures. Monitoring was reinforced as necessary for violations detected at inspections in domestic distribution processes by prefectures (Table 15).

Table 1 Declaration, monitoring and violation (FY2005: Quick estimation)

Number of declared products	Volume of declared products	Number of inspections ^{*2}	Ratio ^{*3}	Number of violations	Ratio ^{*3}
1, 871, 173	(Tons in thousand) 31, 825^{*1}	190, 959	10.2	1, 014	0.1
(Actual number in the previous year) 1, 808, 830	32, 018	187, 553	10.4	1, 017	0.1

^{*1} Volume of declared products is a quick estimation with the exception of planned importation between January and March in 2006.

^{*2} Value deducting the overlap from totaling inspections by administrative agency, registration inspection agency, and public inspection agency in foreign countries.

^{*3} Ratio against the number of declared products.

Table 2 Violations by Article (FY2005)

Article	Number of violations	Ratio	Major violations
Article 6 (Foods and additives whose distribution is prohibited)	218	20.2	Attachment of Aflatoxin to Maize, Earthnut, Job's tear, Basil seed, Almond, etc, mixing of harmful fish, detection of diarrhetic or paralytic shellfish poison, detection of cyanide compounds, rice spoilage and deterioration or development of fungus caused by accidents on transportation
Article 10 (Limitation on distribution of additives)	165	15.3	Use of unspecified additives (Cyclamic acid, TBHQ, polysorbate, azorubine, iodized salt, quinoline yellow, rhodamine B, meythl parahydroxybenzoate, etc.)
Article 11 (Standards for foods or additives)	660	61.1	Violation concerning microorganism standards of foods (coliform bacillus positive of frozen foods), standards for remaining agricultural chemicals and veterinary drugs (vegetables, frozen vegetables, marine products, and processed marine products), and additive standards (sorbic acid, benzoic acid, color, and sulfur dioxide, etc.)
Article 18 (Standards for equipment and containers and packages)	32	3.0	Violation of standards for equipment and containers and packages Violation of standards of resource materials
Article 62 (Applied standards for toys)	5	0.5	Elution of unspecified color from toys with which infants directly touch
Total	1, 080 (gross number) 1, 014 (number of declared violations)		

Table 3-1 Violation cases against component standard by nations, products and events in FY2005

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases*
China	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria (14), viable count (6), <i>E.coli</i> (4)	24
	Frozen food (others)	Coliform bacteria (11), <i>E.coli</i> (7), viable count (6)	24
	Meat	<i>E.coli</i> (12), coliform bacteria (5)	17
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Viable count (7), coliform bacteria (5), <i>E.coli</i> (3)	15
	Tightly-packaged food pasteurized by pressing and heating	Possible emerging microbes (8),	8
	Frozen food (shellfish)	Viable count (4), coliform bacteria (3)	7
	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Viable count (4), coliform bacteria (3)	7
	Frozen food (stock farm products)	<i>E.coli</i> (3), viable count (2), coliform bacteria (1)	6
	Frozen food (beans)	Viable count (3), coliform bacteria (1), <i>E.coli</i> (1)	5
	Fish meat kneaded products	Coliform bacteria (4)	4
	Boiled octopus	Viable count (3), coliform bacteria (1)	4
	Frozen food (grains)	Coliform bacteria (1), viable count (1)	2
	Frozen food (shrimp)	Coliform bacteria (1), viable count (1)	2
	Frozen food (inkfish)	Coliform bacteria (1), <i>E.coli</i> (1)	2
Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria (1)	1	
Thailand	Frozen food (inkfish)	Coliform bacteria (9), viable count (3)	12
	Fish meat kneaded products	Coliform bacteria (10)	10
	Frozen food (stock farm products)	Coliform bacteria (4), <i>E.coli</i> (2), viable count (2)	8
	Frozen food (shrimp)	<i>E.coli</i> (3), coliform bacteria (2), vibrio parahaemolyticus (1), viable count (1)	7
	Frozen food (fish)	<i>E.coli</i> (3), coliform bacteria (2)	5
	Frozen food (others)	Viable count (3), coliform bacteria (2)	5
	Frozen food (fruits)	Viable count (2), coliform bacteria (1)	3
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Viable count (2), coliform bacteria (1)	3
	Meat	<i>E.coli</i> (2)	2
	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Viable count (1), <i>E.coli</i> (1)	2
Boiled octopus	Coliform bacteria (1)	1	
Vietnam	Frozen food (shrimp)	<i>E.coli</i> (8), coliform bacteria (5), viable count (2)	15
	Frozen food (inkfish)	Coliform bacteria (12)	12
	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria (3), viable count (1)	4
	Frozen food (fish)	<i>E.coli</i> (2), coliform bacteria (1), viable count (1)	4
	Frozen food (others)	Viable count (3), coliform bacteria (1)	4
	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Viable count (2), <i>E.coli</i> (1)	3
	Frozen food (shellfish)	Coliform bacteria (3)	3
	Fish meat kneaded products	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
Korea	Frozen food (shellfish)	Viable count (4), coliform bacteria (2)	6
	Pen shell	Vibrio parahaemolyticus (3)	3
	Arch shell	Vibrio parahaemolyticus (3)	3
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Viable count (1), coliform bacteria (1)	2
	Frozen food (others)	Viable count (1)	1
	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
France	Frozen food (others)	<i>E.coli</i> (2), coliform bacteria (1)	3
	Frozen food (sweet goodies)	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
	Natural cheese	Enterohemorrhagic <i>E.coli</i> (1)	1
	Frozen food (fruits)	Viable count (1)	1

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases*
Philippines	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Coliform bacteria (2), viable count (2)	4
	Frozen food (fish)	Viable count (2), coliform bacteria (1), <i>E.coli</i> (1)	4
	Frozen food (inkfish)	Viable count (1), <i>E.coli</i> (1)	2
	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
	Fish meat kneaded products	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
Chile	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria (10), viable count (2)	12
Indonesia	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria (1), viable count (1)	2
	Boiled octopus	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (1), viable count (1)	2
	Beverages	Coliform bacteria (2)	2
	Frozen food (shrimp)	Coliform bacteria (2)	2
	Frozen food (fish)	Viable count (1), <i>E.coli</i> (1)	2
	Frozen food (others)	<i>E.coli</i> (1)	1
Taiwan	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria (5)	5
	Frozen food (fruits)	Viable count (2), coliform bacteria (1)	3
	Frozen food (others)	Viable count (1)	1
Italy	Frozen food (sweet goodies)	Coliform bacteria (3), viable count (1)	4
	Icecreams	Coliform bacteria (3)	3
	Frozen food (grains)	<i>E.coli</i> (1)	1
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Viable count (1)	1
Norway	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria (5), viable count (2)	7
Brazil	Frozen food (fruits)	Viable count (2), coliform bacteria (1)	3
	Frozen food (others)	<i>E.coli</i> (2)	2
Canada	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Viable count (2)	2
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria (1), viable count (1)	2
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
Australia	Frozen food (vegetables)	Viable count (2)	2
	Frozen food (fish)	Viable count (1)	1
	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Viable count (1)	1
India	Frozen food (others)	Viable count (2), coliform bacteria (1), <i>E.coli</i> (1)	4
Germany	Beverages	Viable count (1)	1
	Frozen food (others)	<i>E.coli</i> (1)	1
	Others	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
Belgium	Icecreams	Coliform bacteria (2)	2
Spain	Frozen food (grains)	Viable count (1)	1
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
Peru	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria (1), viable count (1)	2
Netherlands	Frozen food (others)	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
Malaysia	Frozen food (others)	<i>E.coli</i> (1)	1
Singapore	Frozen food (grains)	Coliform bacteria (1)	1
UK	Frozen food (fish)	Viable count (1)	1
New Zealand	Frozen food (shellfish)	Viable count (1)	1
Total			346

*Number of cases indicates the total number of violation events.

Table 3-2 Violation of additives by nations, products and events in FY2005

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases*
China	Dried vegetables	Sulfur dioxide (18)	18
	Pickle	Cyclamic acid (9), benzoic acid (4), saccharin sodium (2), acesulfame potassium (1)	16
	Frozen food (fish)	Cyclamic acid (3), sodium acetate (1), glycerin (1), sodium pyrophosphate (1), Monascus pigment (1), phosphoric acid (1), sodium dihydrogen phosphate (1), high-test hypochloride (1)	10
	Meat	Sorbic acid (3), cyclamic acid (2), rhodamine B (1), potassium sorbate (1), nitrite (3)	10
	Sweet goodies	TBHQ (5), azorubine (2), cyclamic acid (1)	8
	Frozen food (others)	Cyclamic acid (2), sulfur dioxide (1), nitrite (1), food yellow No.4 (1), food yellow No.5 (1), food blue No.1 (1)	7
	Salted vegetables	Sulfur dioxide (5), sorbic acid (1)	6
	Processed chestnut products	Sulfur dioxide (6)	6
	Seasoning agent	Cyclamic acid (4), sorbic acid (1), TBHQ (1)	6
	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Sulfur dioxide (3), cyclamic acid (1)	4
	Syruped products	Sulfur dioxide (2), cyclamic acid (2)	4
	Alcoholic liquor	Sorbic acid (1), Sodium azide (1), cyclamic acid (1)	3
	Driedfruits	Sulfur dioxide (1), cyclamic acid (1)	2
	Dried aquatic animals	Cyclamic acid (2)	2
	Health food	Sulfur dioxide (2), hydrogen peroxide (1)	3
	Driedvegetables	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Grain flour	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Fish meat kneaded products	Sorbic acid (1)	1
	Beverages	Tocopherol acetate (1)	1
Others	Sulfur dioxide (15), cyclamic acid (7), sorbic acid (4), benzoic acid (1), iron oxide black (1), boracic acid (1)	29	
US	Seasoning agent	Polysorbate (4), calcium disodium EDTA (1), quinoline yellow (1)	6
	Health food	Other additives (2), Methyl parahydroxybenzoate (1), choline phosphoric acid (1)	4
	Pickle	Sorbic acid (3)	3
	Beverages	Sorbic acid (2)	2
	Meat	Propyl gallate (1), BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene) (1)	2
	Sweet goodies	Polysorbate (1), TBHQ (1)	2
	Fish egg	Nitrite	2
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Ethoxyquin (1)	1
	Icecreams	Polysorbate (1)	1
	Others	Sulfur dioxide (1), sudan I (1), polysorbate (1), sorbic acid (1)	4
Taiwan	Frozen food (fruits)	Chlorine dioxide (7)	7
	Sugars	Cyclamic acid (2), benzoic acid (1)	3
	Seasoning agent	Sorbic acid (2), cyclamic acid (1)	3
	Health food	Cyclamic acid (1)	1
	Frozen food (fish)	Carbon monoxide (1)	1
	Dried fruits	Cyclamic acid (1)	1
	Others	Cyclamic acid (4), sulfur dioxide (2), TBHQ (2)	8
Italy	Icecreams	Polysorbate (7)	7
	Alcoholic liquor	Azorubine (3)	3
	Seasoning agent	Propylene glycol (1), potassium sorbate (1)	2
	Sweet goodies	Sorbic acid (1)	1
	Others	Ethyl acetate (1), sorbic acid (1), polysorbate (1)	3
France	Sweet goodies	Azorubine (10)	10
	Alcoholic liquor	Sulfur dioxide (2)	2
	Dried fruits	Sorbic acid (1)	1

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases*
India	Sweet goodies	TBHQ (8)	8
	Seasoning agent	Rhodamine B (1)	1
	Others	Sulfur dioxide (2)	2
Thailand	Seasoning agent	Benzoic acid (1), azorubine (1), nitrite (1)	3
	Frozen food (fish)	Nitrite (1)	1
	Sweet goodies	TBHQ (1)	1
	Dried fruits	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Syrupped products	Hydrogen peroxide (1)	1
	Frozen food (others)	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Others	TBHQ (2), sulfur dioxide (1)	3
Brazil	Sweet goodies	TBHQ (5)	5
	Frozen food (others)	TBHQ (2)	2
	Others	Polysorbate (3)	3
Vietnam	Seasoning agent	Benzoic acid (1), cyclamic acid (1)	2
	Frozen food (aquatic animal)	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Sweet goodies	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Pickle	Sorbic acid (1)	1
	Frozen food (fish)	Cyclamic acid (1)	1
	Others	Sulfur dioxide (3), TBHQ (1)	4
Belgium	Icecreams	Polysorbate (5)	5
	Sweet goodies	Azorubine (3), quinoline yellow (1)	4
Peru	Seasoning agent	Iodized salt (2)	2
	Health food	Other additives (2)	2
	Beverages	Sorbic acid (1)	1
	Others	Iodized salt (2), other additives (2)	4
Korea	Frozen food (others)	Potassium sorbate (3)	3
	Seasoning agent	Polysorbate (2)	2
	Driedvegetables	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Others	Polysorbate (1)	1
Philippines	Beverages	Potassium sorbate (2)	2
	Syrupped products	Sulfur dioxide (2)	2
	Health food	Methyl parahydroxybenzoate (1)	1
	Sweet goodies	TBHQ (1)	1
	Others	Food yellow No.4 (1)	1
Australia	Frozen food (fruits)	TBHQ (1)	1
	Natural cheese	Sorbic acid (1)	1
	Meat	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Frozen food (others)	TBHQ (1)	1
	Others	Sulfur dioxide (2)	2
Germany	Sweet goodies	Azorubine (1), other colorants (2)	3
	Alcoholic liquor	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
	Others	Benzoic acid (1), sorbic acid (1)	2
Canada	Frozen food (sweet goodies)	Polysorbate (2)	2
	Icecreams	Polysorbate (2)	2
Denmark	Fish egg	Nitrite (3)	3
Hungary	Meat	Calcium disodium EDTA (3)	3
Pakistan	Others	Sudan IV (1), TBHQ (1)	2
Mexico	Seasoning agent	TBHQ (2)	2
Netherlands	Frozen food (sweet goodies)	Polysorbate (1)	1
	Others	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
Spain	Pickle	Ferrous gluconate (1)	1
	Health food	Methanol (1)	1

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases*
Finland	Fish egg	Nitrite (1)	1
UK	Others	Sodium aluminium phosphate (1)	1
Indonesia	Meat	Benzoic acid (1)	1
Chile	Sweet goodies	TBHQ (1)	1
Sri Lanka	Beverages	Azorubine (1)	1
Malaysia	Seasoning agent	Polysorbate (1)	1
Myanmar	Others	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
Bangladesh	Others	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
Australia	Sweet goodies	Quinoline yellow (1)	1
Israel	Health food	Other additives (1)	1
Singapore	Sweet goodies	Other additives (1)	1
Japan	Others	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
Total			334

*Number of cases indicates the total number of violation events.

Table 3-3 Violation of harmful and hazardous substances by nations, products and events in FY2005

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases*
US	Maize	Aflatoxin (76)	76
	Almond	Aflatoxin (5)	5
	Earthnut	Aflatoxin (2)	2
	Dried fig	Aflatoxin (2)	2
	Processed earthnut products	Aflatoxin (1)	1
	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin (1)	1
	Apple juice	Patulin (1)	1
China	Earthnut	Aflatoxin (17)	17
	Processed earthnut products	Aflatoxin (14)	14
	Job's tear	Aflatoxin (7)	7
	Arch shell	Paralytic shellfish poison (6), diarrhetic shellfish poison (1)	6
	Frozen food (shellfish)	Diarrhetic shellfish poison (4)	4
	Buckwheat noodles	Aflatoxin (3)	3
	Almond	Aflatoxin (1)	1
	Clam	Paralytic shellfish poison (1)	1
	Large clam	Paralytic shellfish poison (1)	1
Thailand	Basil seed	Aflatoxin (8)	8
	Job's tear	Aflatoxin (2)	2
	Chili pepper	Aflatoxin (1)	1
	Cassava	Cyanide (1)	1
Indonesia	Cassava	Cyanide (2)	2
	Processed earthnut products	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Korea	Chili pepper	Aflatoxin (1)	1
	Clam	Paralytic shellfish poison (1)	1
	Giant clam	Paralytic shellfish poison (1)	1
S. Africa	Earthnut	Aflatoxin (2)	2
Philippines	Cassava	Cyanide (2)	2
India	Sweet goodies	Aflatoxin (1)	1
	Chili pepper	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Canada	Flax seed	Cyanide (1)	1
Cambodia	Basil seed	Aflatoxin (1)	1
N. Korea	Freshwater clam	Paralytic shellfish poison	1
Venezuela	Cacao bean	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Sri Lanka	Nutmeg seed	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Vietnam	Job's tear	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Paraguay	Earthnut	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Italy	Alcoholic liquor	Methanol (1)	1
Germany	Alcoholic liquor	Methanol (1)	1
France	Apple juice	Patulin (1)	1
Malaysia	Nutmeg seed	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Mexico	Chili pepper	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Iran	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin (1)	1
Total			179

*Number of cases indicates the total number of violation events.

Table 3-4 Violation of residual pesticides by nations, products and events in FY2005

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases*
China	Chive	Chlorpyrifos (5)	5
	Immature pea	Cypermethrin (4), Propiconazole (1)	5
	Cabbage	Chlorpyrifos (3), Methamidofos (1)	4
	Earthnut	Daminozide (2)	2
	Sagebrush	Chlorpyrifos (2)	2
	Green pepper	Fenvalerate (1)	1
	Corn marigold	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
Thailand	Mango	Propiconazole (3)	3
	Rice	Bromine (1)	1
	Mimosa	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
	Feverweed	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
	Gumbo	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
	Kale	Cypermethrin (1)	1
	Pandanus odoros	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
	Young pepper	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
US	Parsley	Chlorpyrifos (4)	4
	Popcorn	Pirimiphos-methyl (2)	2
	Lettuce	Permethrin (1)	1
Korea	Paprika	Chlorpyrifos (3)	3
Laos	Feverweed	Chlorpyrifos (2)	2
	Holy basil	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
Italy	Spring onion with leaves	Chlorpyrifos (2)	2
	Fennel	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
India	Rice	Bromine (1)	1
	Pigeon pea	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
Taiwan	Mango	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
	Chive	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
New Zealand	Persimmon	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
	Green asparagus	DDVP (1)	1
Guatemala	Coffee bean	Cypermethrin (1)	1
France	Lentille	Deltamethrin (1)	1
Australia	Fennel	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
Philippines	Mango	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
Indonesia	Sweet potato	Chlorpyrifos (1)	1
Total			57

*Number of cases indicates the total number of violation events.

Table 3-5 Violation of residual animal drug by nations, products and events in FY2005

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases*
China	Shrimp	Chlortetracycline (2), tetracycline (6), oxytetracycline (1)	9
	Eel	Malachite green (4), enrofloxacin (1)	5
	Swamp eel	ciprofloxacin (2), enrofloxacin (2)	4
	Processed pollen	Oxytetracycline (2), tetracycline (1)	3
	Freshwater clam	Chlortetracycline (3)	3
	Processed royal jelly	Chloramphenicol (2), streptomycin (1)	3
	Siniperca	Malachite green (3)	3
	Processed bee larvae	Tetracycline (1), oxytetracycline (1)	2
	Processed honey	Tetracycline (2)	2
US	Processed pollen	Oxytetracycline (4), tetracycline (2)	6
Taiwan	Malabar grouper	Malachite green (2)	2
	Eel	Malachite green (1), enrofloxacin (1)	2
	Processed royal jelly	Chloramphenicol (1)	1
	Processed snapping turtle	Chlortetracycline (1)	1
Indonesia	Shrimp	Tetracycline (2)	2
Vietnam	Catfish	Ciprofloxacin (1), enrofloxacin (1)	2
Brazil	Chicken	Enrofloxacin (2)	2
Greece	Processed pollen	Oxytetracycline (1)	1
Korea	Chicken	Enrofloxacin (1)	1
Total			54

*Number of cases indicates the total number of violation events.

Table 4 Monitoring in FY2005

Product	Subject	Number of planned test*	Number of conducted test	Number of violation cases
Animal products: beef, pork, chicken, horse flesh, poultries	Antibiotics	4,250	4,161	3
	Residual pesticides	1,850	1,652	0
	Additives	-	2	0
	Component standards	650	645	0
Processed animal products: natural cheese, meat products, icecream, frozen product (meats)	Antibiotics	1,000	967	3
	Residual pesticides	-	1	0
	Additives	1,350	1,459	9
	Component standards	1,950	2,028	11
Aquatic foods: bivalve, fish, shellfish (shrimp, crab)	Antibiotics	1,700	2,631	9
	Additives	950	666	1
	Component standards	600	842	0
Processed aquatic foods: fish (filleted, dried, minced), frozen foods (animal, fish), fish/shellfish egg	Antibiotics	4,850	5,149	3
	Additives	2,300	3,610	3
	Component standards	5,900	6,378	55
Agricultural foods: vegetables, fruits, oats, maize, beans, earthenut, nuts, seeds	Residual pesticides	19,400	22,535	28
	Additives	600	564	0
	Component standards	-	205	0
	Fungal toxin	4,200	3,961	4
	Gene recombination foods	1,500	1,370	0
Processed agricultural foods: frozen foods (vegetables), vegetables, fruits, spices, instant noodle	Residual pesticides	4,700	4,471	7
	Additives	2,550	3,198	10
	Component standards	1,200	1,832	8
	Fungal toxin	1,000	1,091	2
	Gene recombination foods	150	58	0
Other foods: health foods, soup, seasoning, sweet goodies, fat and oil, frozen foods	Antibiotics	-	2	0
	Additives	3,400	3,009	3
	Component standards	3,000	2,179	16
	Fungal toxin	-	40	0
	Gene recombination foods	-	53	0
Beverages: mineral water, soft drink, alcoholic	Residual pesticides	-	114	0
	Additives	1,200	1,245	2
	Component standards	900	825	1
	Fungal toxin	150	75	0
Additives, devices/container, toy	Component standards	1,200	1,138	6
Total:	Four thousand and five hundred tests are included into planned tests for enhancing monitoring.	77,000	78,156 102% of achievement	184

* Estimated number of tests by subjects, such as antibiotics and pesticides

Table 5 List of products for enhancing monitoring*¹ (as of March 31, 2006*²)

Nation and region	Product	Subject
China	Green pepper	Fenvalerate
	Cabbage	Methamidofos
	Processed buckwheat	Aflatoxin
	Processed bee larvae	Oxytetracycline, tetracycline
	Immature pea	Propiconazole
	Live sea urchin egg* ³	Vibrio parahaemolyticus
	Freshwater fishes	Malachite green
Korea	Chicken	Enrofloxacin
	Live sea urchin egg* ³	Vibrio parahaemolyticus
	Live arch shell* ³	Vibrio parahaemolyticus
	Tairagigai* ³ (<i>Atrina pectinata</i>)	Vibrio parahaemolyticus
Taiwan	Mango	Chlorpyrifos
	Farmed eel	Malachite green
	Royal jelly	Chloramphenicol
France	Soft and semi-soft natural cheeses (limited to production in factories)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
	Apple juice	Patulin
Indonesia	Sweet potato	Chlorpyrifos
	Freshwater fishes	Malachite green
US	Lettuce (incl. celtuce)	Permethrin
	Processed corns	Aflatoxin
Vietnam	Catfish	Enrofloxacin, ciprofloxacin
	Freshwater fishes	Malachite green
Italy	Fennel	Chlorpyrifos
India	Pigeon pea	Chlorpyrifos
Australia	Fennel	Chlorpyrifos
Greece	Processed pollen	Oxytetracycline
Guatemala	Fresh coffee bean	Cypermethrin
Thailand	Gumbo	Chlorpyrifos
New Zealand	Persimmon	Chlorpyrifos
Philippines	Live sea urchin egg* ³	Vibrio parahaemolyticus
Malaysia	Duck meat	Sulfaquinoxaline
Laos	Holy basil	Chlorpyrifos

*¹ Monitoring should enhance when a violation is confirmed, then a half of product notifications is inspected. When no violation is found in one year, monitoring changes to normal inspection.

*² Test subjects in Table 6 are excluded.

*³ All of product notifications are inspected in summer season from June to October in 2005.

Table 6 List of tested products after enhancing monitoring in FY2005

Nation and region	Product	Subject
China	Freshwater calm	Chlortetracycline
	Farmed eel	Malachite green
	Swamp eel	enrofloxacin, ciprofloxacin
	Siniperca	Malachite green
	Cabbage	Chlorpyrifos
	Sagebrush	Chlorpyrifos
	Royal jelly	Chloramphenicol
Thailand	Immature pepper	Chlorpyrifos
	Pandanus odoros	Chlorpyrifos
	Mango	Propiconazole
Italy	Spring onion with leaves	Chlorpyrifos
Korea	Paprika	Chlorpyrifos
Taiwan	Farmed malabar gouper	Malachite green
US	Parsley	Chlorpyrifos
Brazil	Chicken (limited slaughterhouses)	Enrofloxacin
New Zealand	Green asparagus	DDVP
Laos	Feverweed	Chlorpyrifos

Table 7 List of tested products promptly transferred in FY2005

Nation and region	Product	Subject
All	Dried fig	Aflatoxin
Thailand	Basil seed	Aflatoxin
Cambodia	Basil seed	Aflatoxin
China	Buckwheat noodle	Aflatoxin
US	Maize (excl. sweet corns)	Aflatoxin
Benezuela	Cacao bean	Aflatoxin

Table 8 Products for enhancing monitoring and the inspection results in FY2005

Nation and region	Product	Subject	Number of inspection	Number of violation
All (16 products)	Earthnut, nuts, chili pepper, etc.	Aflatoxin	11,363	58
	Beans with cyanide	Cyanide	398	6
	Salmon roe, etc.	Nitrite	640	8
China (37 products)	Buckwheat noodle	Aflatoxin	462	2
	Bivalve	Diarrheric shellfish poison, paralytic shellfish poison	4,840	13
	Shrimp, freshwater calm, farmed eel, honey, etc.	Malachite green, enrofloxacin, streptomycin	14,445	14
	Vegetables • fruits • beans (soybean, earthnut, immature pea, qing-geng-cai, green perilla, etc.)	Chlorpyrifos, cypermethrin, fenvaterate	7,843	12
	Processed eel	Viable count, coliform bacteria	2,179	2
	Other processed foods	Cyclamic acid	6,792	3
Thailand (23 products)	Basil seed	Aflatoxin	18	7
	Farmed shrimp	Oxolinic acid	3,233	0
	vegetables • fruits (Mango, rime, mimosa, etc.)	Chlorpyrifos, cypermethrin, fenvaterate, parathion-methyl	800	3
Korea (18 products)	Bivalve	Paralytic shellfish poison, vibrio parahaemolyticus	6,081	2
	Farmed flatfish	Enrofloxacin, oxytetracycline	24	0
	Vegetables (Paprika, red chili pepper, green chili pepper, etc.)	Ethoprophos, chlorpyrifos	1,052	1
Taiwan (15 products)	Chicken, farmed eel, snapping turtle	Enrofloxacin, chlortetracycline, etc.	4,504	1
	Vegetables (spinach, Chive, taro, etc.)	Chlorpyrifos	172	0
	Other processed foods	Cyclamic acid, etc.	230	3
US (12 products)	Almond, Maize, Apple juice	Aflatoxin, patulin	2,476	81
	Vegetables • grains • fruits (spinach • Maize • lemon, etc.)	Chlorpyrifos, pirimiphos-methyl, imazalil, etc.	495	4
Others (22 nations, 35Products)			10,563	5
Total			78,610	225

**Table 9 Reshipped or disposed products according to administrative guidance
in FY 2005**

Nation	Products	Detection	Number of detection*
China	Eel	AOZ(27), semicarbazide(1)	28
	Blowfish	AOZ (3), semicarbazide (1)	4
	Carp	AOZ (2)	2
	Shrimp	Semicarbazide (1)	1
Taiwan	Eel	AOZ (12)	12
Vietnam	Eel	AOZ (3)	3
India	Shrimp	AOZ (1)	1
Mexico	SKM egg	Semicarbazide (1)	1
Total			52

*Number of detection indicates the total number of detections.

Table 10 Major cases for which monitoring at the time of importation was reinforced based on overseas information (FY2005)

Month and year when monitoring was reinforced	Subject country	Subject product	Details
April 2005	China	Processed foods (possibly contaminated with Sudan I-IV, unspecified coloring agents)	Based on product recovery cases in China, inspections at the time of importation and domestic monitoring were reinforced were conducted.
June 2005	Italy	Soft or semi-soft natural cheese (possibly contaminated with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>)	Based on the EU alert notification where the same products as those of Taleggio cheese produced in Italy, with a positive <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> test result in EU, were imported into Japan, a follow-up study of these products was carried out and inspection order was applied to the manufacturer thereof at the time of importation. Part of the cheese products in question that had been distributed in the country was already consumed; however, there was no report of health damage.
June 2005	12 nations incl. UK	Herbs and spices (possible exposure to radiation)	Based on a case where radiation was exposed to UK herb supplements identified in EU, monitoring at the time of importation was reinforced.
July 2005	China	Beer (formaldehyde)	Based on a case where beer produced in China, with formaldehyde added in Korea, was identified, monitoring at the time of importation was reinforced.
September 2005	New Zealand	Beef (possibly contaminated with endosulfan, residual pesticide)	Based on a case where products suspected to be mixed with part of bovine organs originating in the same farm beef produced in New Zealand, with Endosulfan detected in Korea, were imported into Japan, a follow-up study of the product was carried out and monitoring thereof at the time of importation was reinforced. As the whole amount of the bovine organs in question was stocked, guidance of reshipment or discarding was given.
November 2005	Korea China	Kimchi, etc. (possibly contaminated with parasite eggs)	Based on the information where parasite eggs and protozoa were detected in kimchi pickles produced in China and Korea, inspection at the time of importation was reinforced.
November 2005	France	Goat cheese (possibly contaminated with enterohemorrhagic <i>E.coli</i> (EHEC))	Based on the EU alert notification where the same products as those of goat cheese produced in France, with genes showing EHEC expression detected in EU, were imported into Japan, a follow-up study of these products was carried out and inspection order for the goat cheese by the same manufacturer was reinforced at the time of importation.
December 2005	Norway	Salmon and trout (possibly contaminated with cadmium and lead)	Based on the information where cadmium and lead exceeding the reference values were detected in Russia from salmon and trout produced in Norway, monitoring at the time of importation was reinforced.
January 2006	Thailand	Noodles, etc. (possible exposure to radiation)	Based on the case where noodles produced in Thailand, exposed with radiation, were detected in EU, monitoring at the time of importation was reinforced.
January 2006	Belgium Netherlands	Pork, etc.	Based on the information where pork and other products were contaminated by dioxin-contaminated feed in part of farms in Belgium and Netherlands, monitoring was reinforced for pork and processed pork products in the aforementioned nations.

Table 11 Major bilateral talks and field surveys (FY2005)

Subject product (inspection order was applied)	Bilateral talk	Month and year when field surveys were conducted
Immature peas produced in China (residual pesticides)	Talks started in April 1999. In January 2006, field surveys on selected companies were conducted in order to exclude from subjects of inspection order. The talks are still underway.	January 2006
Farmed eel produced in China (veterinary drugs)	Talks have been on the way since April 2002.	—
Frozen spinach produced in China (chlorpyrifos)	Talks started in July 2002. In June 2004, voluntary restraint of the importation thereof was lifted for only some enterprises. In August 2005, subject companies for voluntary restraint of the importation were added.	April 2005
Beef produced in Canada (BSE)	Talks started in May 2003. In December 2005, an agreement was made under the condition of compliance with the export program (removal of specified risk materials (SRM) from all cattle, and exportation of beef originating from cattle at 20-month-old or younger), and the exportation thereof from specified facilities was resumed.	May 2005 December 2005 March 2006
Farmed eel produced in Taiwan (veterinary drugs)	Talks have been on the way since November 2003.	March 2006
Coffee beans produced in Brazil (DDVP)	Talks started in May 2003. In November 2005, the products were excluded from subjects of inspection order if they accompany a pre-export certificate issued by an inspection agency authorized by the Brazilian government.	—
Beef produced in US (BSE)	Talks started in December 2003. In December 2005, an agreement was made under the condition of compliance with the export program, and the exportation thereof from specified facilities was resumed. In January 2006, as US veal meat containing spines was identified in import inspection, all of the import procedures were stopped. The talks are still underway.	May 2005 December 2005
Job's tear produced in China (aflatoxin)	Talks have been launched, as the products are one of the subjects for review set forth in the comprehensive import ban since August 2004. The talks are still underway.	—
Mango produced in Thailand (propiconazole)	Talks started in February 2005. In February 2006, registered good exporters authorized by the Thailand government were excluded from subjects of inspection order.	—
Basil seeds produced in Thailand (aflatoxin)	Talks started in August 2005. A survey on the local sanitary situation was carried out as one of the subjects for review set forth in the comprehensive import ban. In March 2005, the Thailand government took a measure to allow only registered good exporters that took good sanitary measures to export the products. The talks are still underway.	December 2005
Maize produced in US (aflatoxin)	Talks have been on the way since December 2005.	—
Green asparagus produced in New Zealand (DDVP)	Talks have been on the way since January 2006.	—
Paprika produced in Korea (chlorpyrifos)	Talks have been on the way since February 2006.	—

Table 12 Records of import consultation by Offices of Imported Food Consultation by fiscal year

	2002	2003	2004	FY2005
Number of import consultations	7, 127	5, 969	5, 506	9, 210
Number of import consultations by product	12, 716	13, 185	11, 023	18, 408
Number of violations by product	542	515	468	691

* Offices of Imported Food Consultation are established in quarantine stations in Otaru, Sendai, Narita Airport, Tokyo, Yokohama, Nigata, Nagoya, Osaka, Kansai Airport, Kobe, Hiroshima, and Fukuoka. (Offices of Otaru, Sendai, Nigata, Nagoya, Hiroshima, and Fukuoka have been in operation in FY2005.)

* Number of import consultations has been totaled for the time period between April and next March since 2005.

* Only numbers of import consultations conducted at the Offices prior to the importation have been accounted for.

Table 13 Number of violations by article among cases of import consultations in FY2005

Article	Number of violations	Ratio	Major violations
Article 6 (Foods and additives whose distribution is prohibited)	9	1.0	Contamination of cyanides derived from cassava products, use of lupin beans for sweet goodies
Article 10 (Limitation on distribution of additives)	419	45.5	Use of unspecified additives such as tocopherol acetate, TBHQ, zinc oxide, azorubine, polysorbate, chromium chloride, potassium iodide, sodium selenite, sodium molybdate, sodium stearoyl lactylate, or phytonadione
Article 11 (Standards for foods or additives)	477	51.8	Nonconformance to manufacturing and processing standards Violation of standards for additives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use for inapplicable foods including potassium sorbate for soft drinks or benzoic acid for sweet goodies • Excessive use including tricalcium phosphate for health foods • Excessive amount of residues including sulfur dioxide in dried vegetables
Article 18 (Standards for equipment and containers and packages)	5	0.5	Violation of standards for tableware
Article 62 (Regulations applied for toys mutatis mutandis)	10	1.1	Bis phthalate detected in toys for babies
Total	920 (gross number) 691 (actual number)		

Table 14 List of nations, products, and violation events by import consultation in FY2005

Nation	Products	Violation events	Number of cases*
US	Health food	Magnesium stearate (13), chromium chloride (8), tocopherol acetate (6), choline bitartrate (6), sodium selenite (5), zinc citrate (5), copper gluconate (4), stearic acid (4), potassium iodide (4), sodium molybdate (4), magnesium aspartate (3), iodine (3), copper sulfate (2), hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (2), phytonadione (2), p-aminobenzoic acid (2), zinc gluconate (2), zinc oxide (2), croscarmellose sodium (2), sodium molybdate (2), silicon dioxide particle (2), manganese sulfate (2), zinc sulfate (2), others (46)	53
	Prepared grains	Zinc (10), zinc oxide (5), BHT (5), copper sulfate (2), potassium iodide (2), iron phosphate (2), sodium selenite (2), vitamin-E acetate (2), chromium chloride (2), sodium molybdate (2), tocopherol acetate (2), manganese sulfate (2), others (4)	24
	Sweet goodies	Polysorbate (5), tocopherol acetate (4), sodium aluminum sulfate (3), biotin (3), potassium iodide (3), sodium aluminum phosphate (3), zinc citrate (2), choline bitartrate (2), calcium oxide (2), others (13)	21
	Soft drink	Tricalcium phosphate (3), potassium sorbate (3), hydrogen sulfide (2), others (4)	9
	Seasoning agent	Sodium benzoate (4), potassium sorbate (4), others (2), EDTA (1)	5
	Toy	Bis phthalate (5)	5
	Beans	Copper sulfate (2), sodium molybdate (2), potassium iodide (2), sodium selenite (2), chromium chloride (2), zinc oxide (2), tocopherol acetate (2), manganese sulfate (2), others (2)	2
	Others	Isobutane (9), sodium benzoate (5), sorbic acid (3), sucralose (2), azorubine (2), potassium sorbate (2), others (11)	33
China	Seasoning agent	Potassium sorbate (7), sodium benzoate (4), benzoic acid (2), cyclamic acid (1), others (2)	12
	Sweet goodies	TBHQ (5), aluminum oxide (1), quinoline yellow (1), D-mannitol (1), others (4)	11
	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate (5), radiation sterilization (1), others (5)	10
	Health food	Magnesium stearate (4), hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (2), radiation sterilization (1), propyl p-oxybenzoate (1), methyl p-oxybenzoate (1), saccharin sodium (1), others (5)	10
	Prepared vegetables	Sulfur dioxide (3), potassium sorbate (2), sorbic acid (1), benzoic acid (1)	6
	Prepared fruits	Cyclamic acid (2), radiation sterilization (1), potassium sorbate (1), sodium benzoate (1)	5
	Others	Copper chlorophyll (5), potassium sorbate (5), detection of bis phthalate (5), benzoic acid (2), bacterial test positive (2), nonconformance in material specification test: evaporation residue (2), food yellow No. 4 (2), others (14)	29
Korea	Health food	Tocopherol acetate (8), zinc oxide (6), sucralose (3), violation of manufacturing standards (sterilization conditions) (2), magnesium stearate (2), aluminum potassium sulfate (1), others (2)	20
	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria positive (3), sodium aluminum silicate (3), synthetic cyanocobalamin (3), zinc oxide (2), others (1)	12
	Prepared vegetables	Saccharin sodium (4), tocopherol acetate (1), polysorbate (1), sodium benzoate (1), others (1)	7
	Prepared grains	Zinc oxide (3), tocopherol acetate (1), others (3)	6
	Sweet goodies	Sodium aluminosilicate (2), dehydrosodium nitrate (1), azorubine (1), talc (1)	5
	Seasoning agent	Sodium sorbate (2), sorbic acid (1), others (1)	4
	Others	Sodium aluminum silicate (5), potassium sorbate (4), sodium aluminosilicate (2), others (6)	16

Nation	Products	Violation events	Number of cases*
Brazil	Sweet goodies	Sorbic acid (9), benzoic acid (3), potassium sorbate (2), others (2)	14
	Soft drink	Violation of manufacturing standards (sterilization conditions) (4), potassium sorbate (4)	8
	Health food	L-arginine hydrochloride (3), manganese sulfate (1), others (2)	5
	Seasoning agent	Benzoic acid (2), potassium sorbate (1)	3
	Alcoholic liquor	Sodium benzoate (1), sodium chlorite (1), others (1)	2
	Others	Sodium aluminum phosphate (4), benzoic acid (1), polysorbate (1), others (2)	8
Peru	Soup	Chlorine dioxide (15)	15
	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate (6)	6
	Seasoning agent	Sodium benzoate (3), carboxymethyl cellulose (1)	4
	Sweet goodies	Calcium propionate (1), potassium sorbate (1)	2
	Others	Benzoic acid (1)	1
Philippines	Sweet goodies	TBHQ (5), sulfur dioxide (1), BHT (1), BHA (1), sorbic acid (1), others (5)	13
	Seasoning agent	Benzoic acid (2), sodium benzoate (1)	3
	Soup	Potassium iodide (1), TBHQ (1)	2
	Others	Benzoic acid (2), TBHQ (2), sulfur dioxide (1), sorbic acid (1), others (3)	8
France	Sweet goodies	Sorbic acid (4), azorubine (3), others (2)	9
	Frozen food : others	Sodium benzoate (2), potassium sorbate (2)	4
	Health food	Tocopherol acetate (1), magnesium stearate (1), hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (1), others (6)	4
	Soft drink	Copper sulfate (1), magnesium gluconate (1), zinc citrate (1), others (2)	1
	Others	Violation of manufacturing standards (sterilization conditions) (2), azorubine (2), black PN (1), others (1)	6
Australia	Alcoholic liquor	Sorbic acid (5), benzoic acid (3), azorubine (2), others (1)	6
	Sweet goodies	Sodium aluminum phosphate (4), azorubine (1), potassium sorbate (1)	6
	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate (3), sulfur dioxide (1), azorubine (1)	3
	Frozen food	Acidic sodium aluminum phosphate (1), potassium sorbate (1)	2
	Health food	Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (1), others (1)	2
	Others	Polysorbate (1), azorubine (1), others (3)	5
Italy	Seasoning agent	Azorubine (5), sorbic acid (3), sulfur dioxide (1)	9
	Sweet goodies	Potassium sorbate (2), fatty acid calcium (1), sorbic acid (1)	4
	Alcoholic liquor	Sodium stearoyl lactylate (1)	1
	Soft drink	Violation of manufacturing standards (sterilization conditions) (1), magnesium gluconate (1)	1
	Others	Polysorbate (6), elution of cadmium and lead (1)	7
Netherlands	Sweet goodies	Benzoic acid (3), potassium sorbate (3), saccharin (1), others (1)	7
	Ice cream	Violation of manufacturing standards (sterilization conditions) (6)	6
	Alcoholic liquor	Sodium benzoate (4)	4
	Seasoning agent	Sodium benzoate (1)	1
	Others	Benzoic acid (2), sulfur dioxide (1), sodium nitrite (1), detection of cyanide (1)	5
Canada	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate (3), potassium benzoate (1)	4
	Processed herbs	Benzoic acid (4), sorbic acid (4)	4
	Seasoning agent	Sodium benzoate (3), potassium sorbate (3)	3
	Sweet goodies	Sodium aluminum sulfate (1), TBHQ (1), tocopherol acetate (1)	3
	Health food	Calcium silicate (1)	1
	Alcoholic liquor	Sodium silicate (1)	1
	Others	Tocopherol acetate (1), cyanide (1)	2

Nation	Products	Violation events	Number of cases*
India	Seasoning agent	TBHQ (7)	7
	Prepared vegetables	Sodium benzoate (4), detection of cyanide (1)	5
	Health food	Sodium benzoate (2), magnesium stearate (1), methyl p-oxybenzoate (1), others (1)	3
	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate (1)	1
	Others	Ciguatera fish (<i>Epinephelus polyphekadion</i>) (1)	1
Vietnam	Seasoning agent	Potassium sorbate (3), sorbic acid (3), sodium benzoate (1)	7
	Sweet goodies	Sorbic acid (3), 2-methylpyrazine (2)	5
	Health food	Iron oxide (1), propyl p-oxybenzoate (1), polyethylene glycol (1)	2
	Others	Food yellow No. 5 (1), benzoic acid (1), food yellow No. 4 (1)	2
UK	Sweet goodies	Potassium sorbate (2), azorubine (1), magnesium stearate (1)	4
	Health food	Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (1)	1
	Others	Antimony (1)	1
New Zealand	Health food	Tocopherol acetate (8), hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (1), tricalcium phosphate (1)	10
	Frozen food	TBHQ (2)	2
	Alcoholic liquor	Sodium benzoate (1)	1
	Soft drink	Violation of manufacturing standards (sterilization conditions) (1)	1
	Others	Propylene glycol (1)	1
Indonesia	Seasoning agent	Sodium benzoate (12)	12
	Prepared vegetables	Cyanide (1)	1
	Health food	α -carotene (1)	1
Greece	Frozen food	Potassium sorbate (14)	14
Singapore	Seasoning agent	Sodium benzoate (7), benzoic acid (5), rhodamine B (2)	14
Malaysia	Sweet goodies	Isopropanol (4), TBHQ (3)	7
	Soft drink	Potassium sorbate (4)	4
	Health food	Radiation sterilization (1)	1
Sweden	Processed and marine product	Benzoic acid (9), potassium sorbate (2), black PN (1)	9
Taiwan	Soft drink	Copper chlorophyll (1), zinc gluconate (1), vitamin-E acetate (1), component standards (viable cell count) (1)	4
	Health food	Sorbic acid (1), sodium aluminosilicate (1), cyclamic acid (1)	2
	Sweet goodies	Benzoic acid (1)	1
	Others	Sulfur dioxide (1)	1
Belgium	Sweet goodies	Sorbic acid (7), azorubine (7)	7
Argentina	Frozen food	Sodium stearoyl lactylate (3), potassium sorbate (2), sodium propionate (1)	5
	Health food	Sorbic acid (1)	1
Spain	Prepared fruits	Sorbic acid (2), sulfur dioxide (1)	3
	Soft drink	Tocopherol acetate (1), neohesperidine DC (1)	2
	Sweet goodies	Quinoline yellow (1), azorubine (1)	1
Germany	Additives	Sodium cyclamate (1), sodium citrate (1)	1
	Sweet goodies	Magnesium stearate (1)	1
	Health food	Magnesium stearate (1)	1
	Seasoning agent	Potassium sorbate (1),	1

Nation	Products	Violation events	Number of cases*
Others	Seasoning agent	Sodium benzoate (2), sodium sorbate (2), potassium sorbate (2), EDTA (1), others (3)	8
	Sweet goodies	Quinoline yellow (2), sulfur dioxide (1), potassium sorbate (1), others (3)	6
	Soft drink	Sorbic acid (1), magnesium aspartate (1), L-cysteine (1), others (4)	4
	Alcoholic liquor	Sodium benzoate (2), TBHQ (1), sorbic acid (1), potassium sorbate (1), others (2)	4
	Health food	Iron sesquioxide (1), sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (1), magnesium stearate (1), others (1)	3
	Others	Sunflower lecithin (2), sulfur dioxide (1), others (5)	8
Total			691

*Number of cases indicates the total number of violation events by product.

Table 15 Violation of imported foods found by domestic monitoring system in FY2005

Nation	Products	Events	Number of cases
China	Ceramic utensil	Lead	1
	Snap pea	Cypermethrin	1
	Toy	Bis phthalate	1
	Frozen food (sweet goodies)	<i>E.coli</i>	1
	Sea urchin	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	1
	Prepared beans	Sulfur dioxide	1
	Frozen food (mixed vegetables)	<i>E.coli</i>	1
	Ark shell	Diarrhetic shellfish poison	1
	Frozen food (jiao-zi)	Cyclamic acid	1
	Dried gourd shavings	Sulfur dioxide	1
	Synthetic resin utensil	Lead	1
Brazil	Biscuit	TBHQ	9
Indonesia	Prepared coconuts	Polysorbate	2
	Instant noodles	Peroxide number	1
	Nutmeg seed	Aflatoxin	1
Oman	Biscuit	TBHQ	2
US	Soft drink	Sorbic acid	1
UK	Worcester sauce	Polysorbate	1
Jamaica	Seasoning agent	Sudan I and IV	1
Thailand	Basil seed	Aflatoxin	1
UAE	Biscuit	TBHQ	1
Malaysia	Aigamo duck	Sulfaquinoxaline	1
Korea	Seasoning agent	Sorbic acid	1
Taiwan	Snapping turtle	Chlortetracycline	1
Total			34

(Reference) Terms in the monitoring results

Term	Description
Nitrite	Additives (color fixing agent)
Aflatoxin	Mycotoxin (produced by fungi such as <i>Aspergillus</i>)
Genetic recombination	Technology such as fragmentation of bacterial genes, arrangement of the gene sequences or introducing the arranged genes into genes derived from other organisms.
Imazalil	Additives (antifungal agent)
Enrofloxacin	Synthetic antibacterial agent (new quinolone)
Oxytetracycline	Antibiotic (tetracycline)
Oxolinic acid	Synthetic antibacterial agent (quinolone)
Chloramphenicol	Antibiotic (chloramphenicol)
Chlortetracycline	Antibiotic (tetracycline)
Chlorpyrifos	Agrichemical (organophosphate insecticide)
Diarrhetic shellfish poison	Clams accumulate biotoxin produced by plankton to excessive level, which cause poisoning.
Cyclamic acid	Unspecified additive (sweetening agent)
Cyanide	Toxic and harmful substance (cyanide including cyanoglycoside found in plants such as some beans)
DDVP	Agrichemical (organophosphate insecticide)
Ciprofloxacin	Synthetic antibacterial agent (new quinolone)
Cypermethrin	Agrichemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Streptomycin	Antibiotic (aminoglycoside)
Sulfaquinolaxaline	Synthetic antibacterial agent (sulfa drug)
Semicarbazide	Synthetic antibacterial agent (Nitrofurazone, nitrofuran) derivative
Sorbic acid	Preservative
Dioxin	Generic name for the group including three substances, polychlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (PCDD), polychlorodibenzofuran (PCDF), and coplanar PCB
Daminozide	Agrichemical (growth-regulating agent)
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	The species of <i>Vibrio</i> , which is very common in seawater, can cause disease, such as acute gastroenteritis, through the ingestion of contaminated fishery products.
Tetracycline	Antibiotic (tetracycline)
Deltamethrin	Agrichemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Sulfur dioxide	Antioxidant
Patulin	Mycotoxin (produced by fungi such as <i>Penicillium</i> or <i>Aspergillus</i>)
Pirimiphos-methyl	Agrichemical (organophosphate insecticide)
Fenvalerate	Agrichemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Propiconazole	Agrichemical (disinfectant)
Permethrin	Agrichemical (disinfectant)
Polysorbate	Unspecified additive (emulsifying agent)
Paralytic shellfish poison	Clams accumulate biotoxin produced by plankton to excessive level that causes paralytic poisoning.
Malachite green	Synthetic antibacterial agent (synthetic green pigment)
Methamidofos	Agrichemical (organophosphate insecticide)
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> are very common; and can cause listeriosis through ingestion of contaminated daily products.
AOZ	Synthetic antibacterial agent (Furazolidone, nitrofuran) derivative
BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy)	BSE is a neuron degenerative and fatal brain disease of cattle, with a long incubation period; the BSE agent creates holes in the brain creating a sponge-like appearance, associated with various symptoms including difficulty in standing.
TBHQ	Unspecified additive (antioxidant)