

Food Safety Basic Law (Law No. 48 of 2003)

Article 8 [Responsibility of Food-Related Business Operators]

1. Business operators that produce, import, sell, or conduct other business for fertilizers, agricultural chemicals, feed, feed additives, veterinary medicines and other production materials for agriculture, forestry, or fishery that may have an effect on food safety, food (including agricultural, forestry, and fishery products used as raw materials or materials), additives (those provided in Article 2, paragraph 2 of the Food Sanitation Law (Law No. 233 of 1947)), apparatuses (those provided in Article 2, paragraph 4 of the said Law) or containers and packages (those provided in Article 2, paragraph 5 of the said Law) (hereinafter referred to as “food-related business operators”) shall be responsible for appropriately taking the necessary measures to ensure food safety at each stage of the food supply process. This will be done according to the code of the basic principles and on the basis of the recognition that they bear the primary responsibility for ensuring food safety when conducting their business activities.
2. In addition to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, food-related business operators shall, in conducting their business activities, make efforts to provide accurate and appropriate information concerning food and other articles related to their own business activities on the code of the basic principles.
3. In addition to the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, food-related business operators shall be responsible for cooperating in policies that are implemented by the state or the local governments, on the code of the basic principles, to ensure food safety.