

Collection of information on the health damage due to food containing components etc. calling for special attention

- Based on the issues* found in the health damage incidents due to food containing components etc. calling for special attention and for the purpose to ensure safety of food, institutionalization etc. of notification of information on health damage from the business operators is promoted.

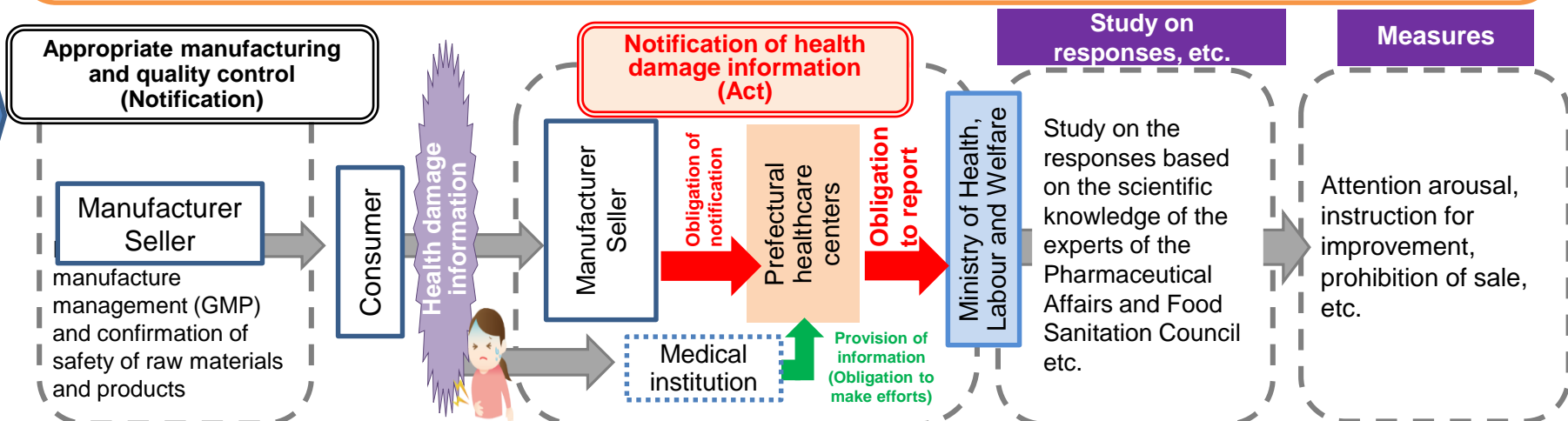
* With regard to the food containing components etc. having hormone-like effect, there are cases of occurrence of health effects due to that the contained amount is uneven because of inadequate manufacturing control and that the recommended daily intake is set up without basing of the scientific basis or due to other reasons. (223 incidents of health damage were reported during the past 5 years before July 2017 caused by food containing pueraria mirifica.)

As collection of information on the health damage due to food is not yet institutionalized, collection of necessary information is difficult and the basis cannot be enough to apply the Food Sanitation Act for prevention of occurrence and expansion of health damage.

<<Objects>> Food containing components etc. specified by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare as calling for special attention

Upon arranging health damage information and bioactive information obtained from documents etc. from scientific viewpoints and upon hearing the opinions of the experts at the Pharmaceutical Affairs and Food Sanitation Council and at the Food Safety Commission and carrying out the public comment, components etc. calling for special attention are specified.

(Examples of components etc. subject to study: The components etc, among alkaloids and components having hormone-like effect, that may cause health damage when a certain amount or more is taken in)



* With regard to the health damage information due to so-called "health food", information collection on a voluntary basis will be continued based on notifications.