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Introduction

Foods, additives, apparatus, containers and packaging, and toys for infants (hereinafter referred to as "foods") imported by Japan in FY 2023 amounted to approximately 29.87million tons across approximately 2.35 million import notifications. According to the "2023 Food Balance Sheet" (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries), the food self-sufficiency ratio in Japan is about 40% (combined food self-sufficiency ratio by calorie intake). In other words, about 60% of food supplies in Japan is dependent on imports.

Under such conditions, in order to ensure the safety of foods imported into Japan (hereinafter, "imported foods"), on March 28, 2023, the government established the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for 2023 (hereinafter, "the Plan"). The Plan is based on the Guidelines for Monitoring and Guidance for Food Hygiene (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 was carried out. The Plan 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 has been conducted based upon the Plan.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare published a recently compiled overview of the implementation of inspections of imported foods including monitoring and ordered inspections carried out under the Plan, the implementation of monitoring and guidance for importers, and the consultations with exporting countries.

Reference: "Imported Foods Monitoring: To Ensure the Safety of Imported Foods"

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1. Overview of the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for FY 2023

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

This is the plan for the implementation of monitoring and guidance for the import of foods by the Japanese government as stipulated by Article 23, paragraph 1 of the Act. Purpose: To further ensure the safety of imported foods by the national government by promoting intensive, effective and efficient monitoring for imported foods and guidance to importers.

2. Principles of Monitoring and Guidance for Imported Foods

The basic concept is implementation of measures to ensure food safety at each stage, from the production in the exporting countries to domestic distribution after import, in light of Article 4 (“food safety shall be ensured by taking the necessary measures appropriately at each stage of the food supply process both in and outside of Japan”) of the Food Safety Basic Act (Act No. 48 of 2003).

3. Priority Items for Monitoring and Guidance

- Check for the compliance to the Act at the time of import
- Implementation of monitoring inspections*¹ (FY 2023 Plan: 100,109 cases)
- Inspection orders*²
- Regulations for comprehensive import bans*³
- Emergency measures based on oversea information

*1: Systematic inspection based on a statistical approach considering the import record and violation rate for each type of food.

*2: Inspection for products with a high probability of violation where inspection is ordered for the importer, each time of the import. Import and distribution is not permitted unless the results comply with the Act.

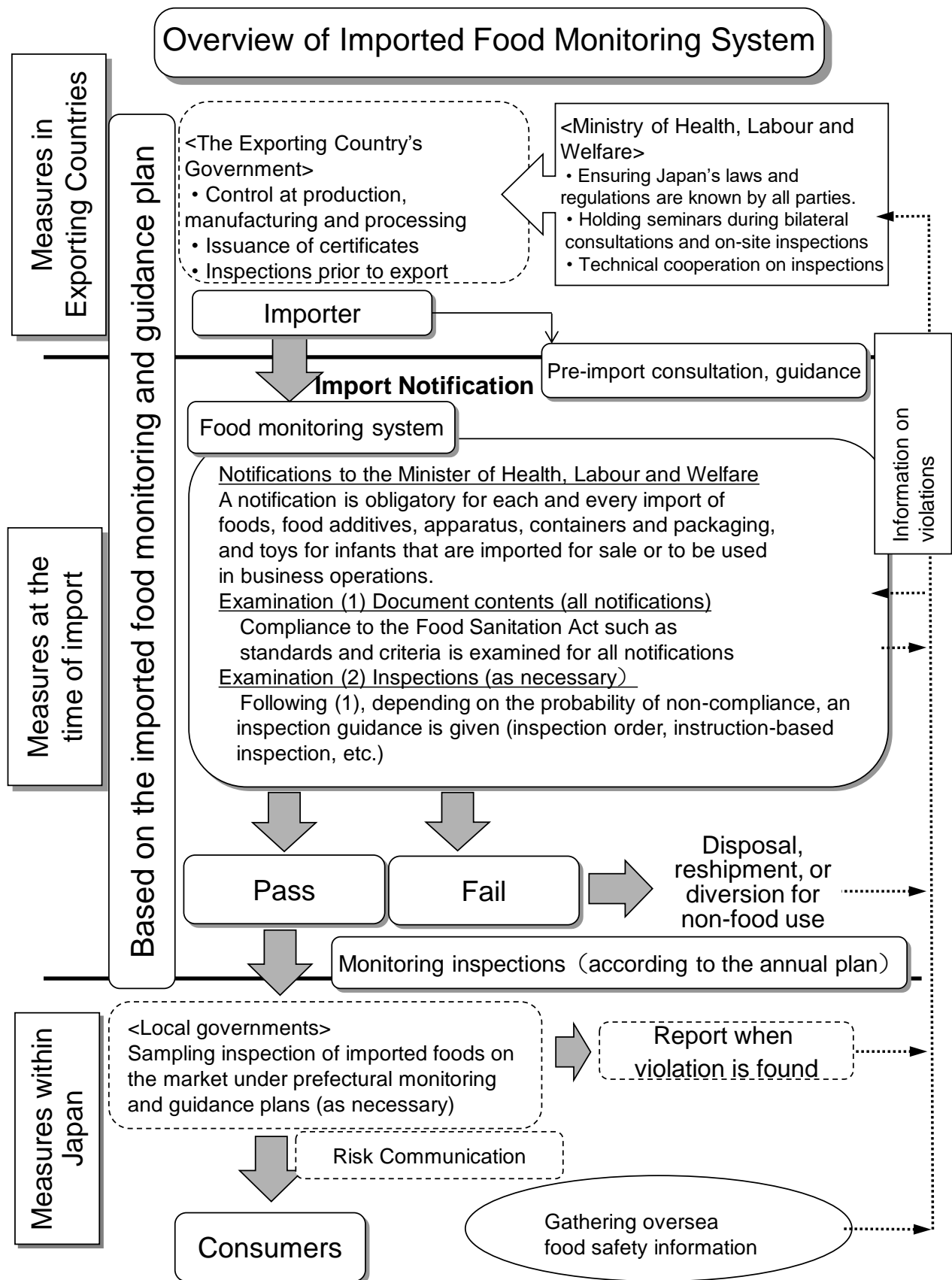
*3: Measures whereby the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare prohibits sale or import of specific foods without requiring an inspection, in cases where it is deemed necessary to prevent harm.

4. Promotion of hygiene control measures in exporting countries

- Disseminate food hygiene regulations in Japan to the authorities and exporters in exporting countries
- Request for the investigation of a cause of violation of the Act and the establishment of corrective and preventive measures through bilateral consultations, as well as the promotion of hygiene control at production stages, building up a monitoring system and pre-export inspections, etc
- Systematic collection of information on hygiene control measures for foods exported to Japan
- Technical cooperation that helps to build up a food hygiene monitoring system in exporting countries

5. Guidance to importers on voluntary hygiene control

- Pre-import guidance (known as import consultation)
- Guidance on instruction-based inspections at import consultation, initial import and continued import
- Guidance on preparation and storage of records on the import and distribution of imported foods
- Raising awareness of food safety amongst importers



2. Results of Monitoring and Guidance Based on the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for FY 2023

To ensure the safety of imported foods, measures have been taken as described below by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and at quarantine stations. These are based on the fundamental approach stipulated by Article 4 of the Food Safety Basic Act that necessary measures for ensuring the safety of food shall be taken appropriately at each stage of the food supply process from production, manufacturing and processing in the exporting country, to post-import domestic distribution.

(1) Examination of import notifications in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the Act

Import notifications were made under the provisions of Article 27 of the Act. An examination of compliance with the Act, such as the standards and criteria for foods under the provisions of Article 13, paragraph 1 and Article 18, paragraph 1 of the Act (hereinafter, “standards and criteria”) was carried out, as well as necessary inspections.

The number of import notifications made in FY 2023 was 2,350,033 cases, and the total weight of notified items was approximately 29.87 million tonnes. Among these import notifications, inspections were carried out on 199,272 cases, of which 763 cases (running total of 812 cases) were confirmed to be in violation of the Act, and steps were taken for their reshipment, disposal, etc. These accounted for 0.03% of the number of notifications (**Table 1**).



Examination of notifications using the computer system

(2) Monitoring in accordance with the provisions of Article 28, paragraph 1 of the Act

Monitoring inspections are conducted to extensively monitor the safety of various imported foods. In order to conduct intensive, effective and efficient monitoring, the numbers of inspections are set to enable the detection of a violation with a certain statistical confidence level, while also taking into account the number of import and violation rates for each food category.

In FY 2023, monitoring inspections were conducted for 50,060 cases (running total of 101,096 cases compared to the planned 100,109 cases (implementation rate: approximately 101%)), and of which, 131 cases (running total of 139 cases) were confirmed to be in violation of the Act (**Table 2**), and steps were taken for recall, disposal, etc.

For foods identified to be in violation of the Act by monitoring inspections, the rate of inspections was elevated to 30% for the the same type of food from the same country as necessary, in order to assess the management condition in the exporting country. The frequency of monitoring was back to normal rate when it was confirmed that the probability of foods in violation of the Act being imported is low (no cases of similar violation have been found for one year since the start of the enhanced monitoring

inspections, or after carrying out inspections for at least 60 cases) (**Table 3**). Additionally, when a specific food from a specific country was found to be in violation of the agricultural chemical residue or veterinary drug residue levels for multiple times, the food was then deemed to have a high probability of violations, and was subjected to an ordered inspection which requires inspections upon each and every import (**Table 4**).

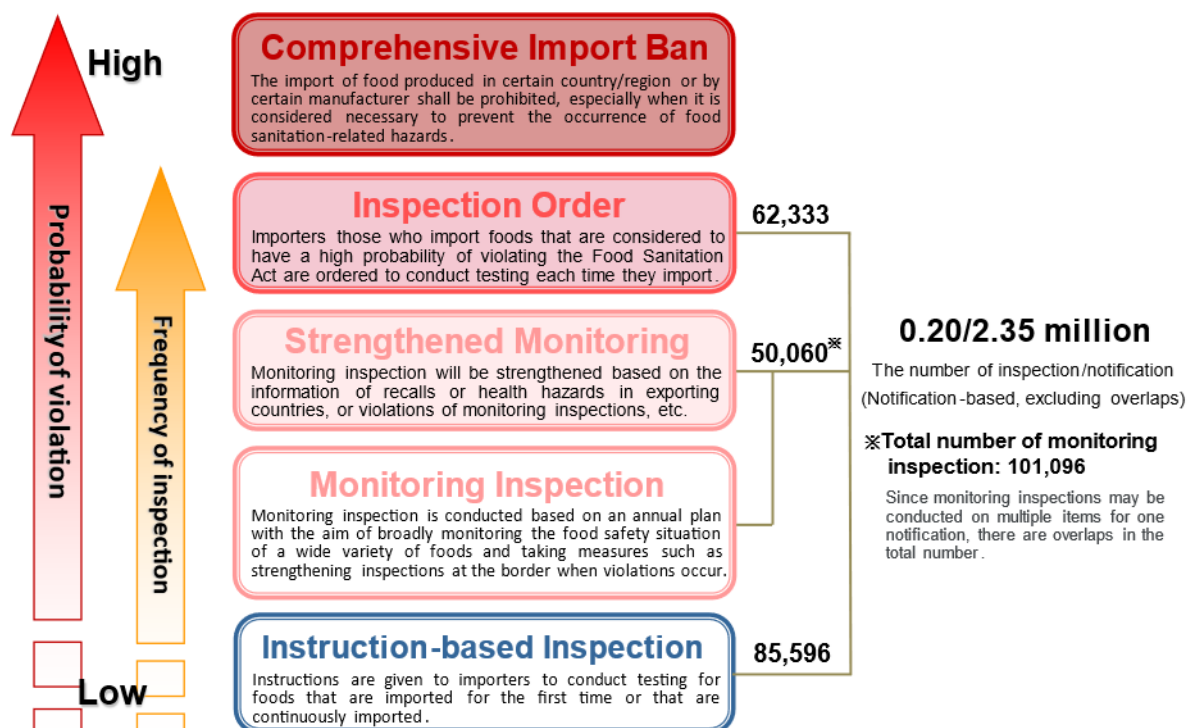
When the substances that may cause adverse health effects (e.g. aflatoxin) were detected in certain food, the inspections of the food were immediately enhanced by adding the item to the subject of ordered inspection (**Table 5**).

Regarding the inspection of agricultural chemical residue in processed food, triggered by the cases of agricultural chemical poisoning due to frozen dumplings produced in China that occurred in January 2008, inspections were carried out on 10,631 cases in FY 2023, out of which no violation was found.



Sampling at a warehouse

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(3) Ordered inspection in accordance with the provisions of Article 26, paragraph 3 of the Act

In order to prevent harm, ordered inspections were conducted under the provisions of Article 26, paragraph 3 of the Act for imported foods that were considered to have a high probability of violating the Act. Countries and regions, foods and inspection items subject to the inspection were specified.

As of March 31, 2024, 15 items from all exporting countries, and 101 items from 39 countries and regions were subject to ordered inspections. The inspections have been carried out for 62,333 cases (running total of 84,882 cases) in FY 2023, 241 cases of which (running total of 245 cases) were found to be in violation of the Act ([Table 6](#)), and steps were taken for reshipment or disposal, etc.

(4) Violations

Breaking down violations by provision, 459 cases violated Article 13 of the Act (standards for food (e.g., microbiological criteria, agricultural chemical residues, and veterinary drug residues) and standards for use for food additives), 224 cases violated Article 6 (e.g., contamination with harmful or toxic substances such as aflatoxin), 39 cases violated Article 12 (use of undesignated additives), 32 cases violated Article 18 (standards for apparatus, containers and packaging) , 8 cases violated Article 10 (non-attachment of health certificates for meat), 3 cases violated Article 68 (mutatis mutandis application), which relates to the standards for toys ([Table 7](#)).

Breaking down violations by inspection type, violations relating to presence of harmful or toxic substances and contamination with pathogenic microbes in 182 cases (23.9%) ([Table 8-1](#)), violations of standards on agricultural chemical residues in 156 cases (20.4%) ([Table 8-2](#)), violations of microbiological criteria were found in 149 cases (19.5%) ([Table 8-3](#)), violations relating to the use of undesignated additives and violations of standards for use of additives in 111 cases (14.5%) ([Table 8-4](#)), violations relating to decay and deterioration (e.g., unpleasant smell or mold) in 50 cases (6.6%) ([Table 8-5](#)), violations on standards of apparatus, containers and packaging in 32 cases (4.2%) ([Table 8-6](#)), violations of standards on veterinary drug residues in 28 cases (3.7%) ([Table 8-7](#)), and other violations in 58 cases (7.6%) ([Table 8-8](#)).

1. Violations relating to presence of harmful or toxic substances and contamination with pathogenic microbes (Table 8-1)

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by the USA with 65 cases (35.3%), followed by China with 23 cases (12.5%) and Italy with 15 cases (8.2%). Many of these violation cases included contamination with aflatoxin in almonds and corn from the USA, contamination with aflatoxin in peanuts from China, and detection of cyanide in confectionary from Italy. The contaminant most frequently responsible for violations was aflatoxin found in 138 cases (75.0%), followed by cyanide in 22 cases (12.0%), and methanol in 13 cases (7.1%).

2. Violations of standards on agricultural chemical residues (Table 8-2)

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by China with a running total of 75 cases (45.7%), followed by India with 24 cases (14.6%), and Vietnam with 20 cases (12.2%). The agricultural chemicals most frequently responsible for violation in these cases included Mepiquat-chloride in carrot from China, Chlorpyrifos in chickpea from India, and Profenofos in calamansi from Vietnam. The rankings by product were topped by carrot with 27 cases (16.4%), followed by chickpea with 13 cases (7.9%), and onion with 11 cases (6.7%).

3. Violations of microbiological criteria (Table 8-3)

By country, the rankings were topped by China with a running total of 49 cases (29.9%), followed by Vietnam with 17 cases (10.4%), and South Korea with 15 cases

(9.1%). Many violations were related with microbiological indicators for contamination (bacterial count, coliforms, and *E. coli*) for frozen food and there were 96 cases (58.5%).

4. Violations relating to the use of undesignated additives and violations of standards for use of additives (Table 8-4)

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by China with a running total of 30 cases (25.4%), followed by Turkiye with 13 cases (11.0%), and Italy with 11 cases (9.3%). Many of these violation cases included the use of undesignated additives such as Cyclamic acid in Chinese products, TBHQ in products from Turkiye and the ineligible use of additives such as sorbic acid in products from Italy.

The undesignated additives most frequently responsible for violations were TBHQ found in 13 cases (31.0%), followed by Cyclamic acid in 12 cases (28.6%), and Azorubine in 8 cases (19.0%). The food additives of which the standards for use were responsible for violations frequently were Sulfur dioxide in 25 cases (32.4%), followed by Sorbic acid found in 22 cases (28.9%), and Potassium Sorbate in 7 cases (9.2%).

5. Violations relating to decay and deterioration (e.g., unpleasant smell or mold) (Table 8-5)

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by USA with 22 cases (44.0%), followed by Thailand with 14 cases (28.0%), and Australia with 7 cases (14.0%). Many of the products in these cases were wheat and rice from the USA, rice in all the cases from Thailand, and rice from Australia. The rankings by product were topped by rice with 31 cases (62.0%), followed by wheat with 10 cases (20.0%), and soybean with 6 cases (12.0%).

6. Violations of standards on apparatus, containers, and packaging (Table 8-6)

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by China with 19 cases (50.0%), followed by Hong Kong with 4 cases (10.5%), and Italy with 3 cases (7.9%). The material responsible for violations most frequently was synthetic resin and rubber in the cases from China, earthenware in all the cases from Hong Kong, and synthetic resin in the cases in Italy.

7. Violations of standards on veterinary drug residues (Table 8-7)

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by Vietnam with 21 cases (67.7%), followed by India with 5 cases (16.1%). Of these violation cases, most frequently cases from Vietnam were due to Doxycycline in shrimps, and the cases from India were due to Furazolidone in shrimps.

8. Other violations (Table 8-8)

The major violations among the other violation cases included violation of specifications for food additives with 33 cases, violation of manufacturing and storage standards for soft drinks with 8 cases, non-attachment of health certificate with 8 cases, and detection of unauthorized genetically modified food with 2 cases.

(5) Comprehensive import ban in accordance with the provisions of Article 9, paragraph 1 or Article 17, paragraph 1 of the Act

When the violation of the Act is considerable and deemed necessary for preventing harm, the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare may ban the import or sale of specific foods

from specific countries or regions without requiring an inspection (comprehensive import ban).

According to the “Guidelines for the Banning of the Sale or Import of Specific Foods under Article 9, paragraph 1 and Article 17, paragraph 1 of the Food Sanitation Act” (SHOKUHATSU No. 0906001 dated September 6, 2002), a request for improvement to the exporting country and investigations on the status of hygiene control in the exporting country were made for imported foods of which the violation rate in the last 60 ordered inspections and others exceeded five percent. As a result, in FY 2023, no foods were subject to such measures.

(6) Emergency measures based on overseas information on food safety incidents

Overseas information on the incidents of foodborne disease and the recalls of foods due to violation, had been collected by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), the National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS), the Food Safety Commission of the Cabinet Office, or other related Japanese organizations. In FY 2023, on the basis of information on contamination with Aflatoxin in almonds used as ingredients for chocolate from Belgium, and contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes* in natural cheese from Australia, enhanced import controls were put in place. After an import record of these products was confirmed, domestic distribution was investigated and recalls of distributed goods were instructed, while also taking measures such as reshipment of the concerned products ([Table 9](#)).

(7) Promotion of safety measures in exporting countries

1. Bilateral consultations ([Table 10](#))

Information on products in violation of the Act has been provided to the governments of exporting countries where the products were made subject to ordered inspection or enhanced monitoring inspections. Furthermore, 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.

With bilateral consultations in FY 2023, regarding pesticide residues from Philippine bananas, as on-site inspections were conducted and appropriate measures were confirmed, inspection orders were exempted for certain exporters and/or packers.

Additionally, as measures against Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), the following actions were taken:

- Regarding beef from Germany, based on the risk assessment report by the Food Safety Commission, consultations were held with the government of Germany, and thereby the import ban on German beef were lifted.
- For Swedish beef, based on the risk assessment report by the Food Safety Commission, consultations were held with the government of Sweden and thereby the restrictions on cattle age of imported beef were removed.
- Compliances with the Export Verification Program (EVP) for beef and related products of some countries were verified through on-site inspections and other means.

2. Technical cooperation

To address the veterinary drug residue issue of meat in Paraguay, assistance was provided to dispatch an expert.

(8) Guidance on implementation of voluntary safety management by importers

Quarantine stations are to promote voluntary hygiene management of imported foods through seminars and pre-import guidance (import consultation), based on the Plan.

In FY 2023, a total of 77 seminars were held for training courses and workshops by quarantine stations and related organizations, to which a total of 5,054 people participated.

Additionally, pre-import guidance (import consultation) was given for 23,266 cases, of which 404 cases (running total of 486 cases) were identified as non-compliance with the Act (**Table 11**).

Breaking down the pre-import guidance (import consultation) cases which were not compliant with the Act by provision, non-compliance with Article 13 of the Act was the most frequent with 253 cases, followed by Article 12 with 160 cases, Article 6 with 4 cases, Article 10 with 1 case, Article 11 with 1 case and Article 18 with 1 case (**Table 12**). The rankings of non-compliance cases by country were topped by South Korea with 113 cases (23.3%), followed by China with 68 cases (14.0%), and the USA with 37 cases (7.6%) (**Table 13**).

Where the pre-import guidance (import consultation) identified non-compliance with the Act, appropriate measures were taken to ensure compliance, and guidance was given to suspend import until improvements were made. After improvements were made and documentation demonstrating compliance with the Act was provided, guidance was given to confirm the fulfillment of standards and criteria for said foods by, for instance, carrying out testings in advance, as necessary.

As a result, the rate of violation cases identified at the time of import was 0.03% while the rate identified during pre-import guidance (import consultation) was 1.74%, indicating that pre-import guidance (import consultation) has effectively led to prevent import of foods that do not comply with the Act.

(9) Publication of information on violations of imported foods, and cooperation with prefectures

For cases violating the Act, details including the names of importers and imported foods in violation of the Act were published on the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website, based on the provisions of Article 69 of the Act, in order to inform of the status of food hygiene hazard. The contents of improvement measures, the cause of the violation, and the status of the measures taken (e.g., disposal) were published.

For imported foods that were identified to be in violation of the Act by inspections at the time of import, while already passed customs, the concerned importer was instructed to promptly conduct a recall of the imported foods in cooperation with the relevant prefectural governments.

When imported foods already distributed in the domestic market were identified to be in violation of the Act through inspections by prefectural governments, the inspections at

the time of import were enhanced as necessary (**Table 14**).

(10) Information to the public

A public seminar as an opportunity for communication on the safety of foods was held in January 2024 in Tokyo and in Osaka. The situation of the guidance and the monitoring of imported foods, the contents of the Plan, etc. were provided to consumers and business operators, and wide opinions and views were exchanged.

Table 1 - Notifications, Inspections, and Violations (FY2023)

Notifications (cases)	Imported Weight (thousand tonnes)	Inspections *1 (cases)	Proportion *2 (%)	Violations (cases)	Proportion (%)
2,350,033	29,867	199,272 (62,333) ^{*4}	8.5	763 ^{*3} (245) ^{*4}	0.03 ^{*2} (0.39) ^{*4}
(FY2022)					
2,400,309	31,919	202,671	8.4	781	0.03 ^{*2}

*1 Number of inspections by authorities, registered inspection organizations and foreign official laboratories, deducing duplications.

*2 Proportions compared to notifications.

*3 Gross number of inspection cases by inspected substance is 812.

*4 Number of inspection orders.

Table 2 - Implementation of Monitoring Inspections (FY 2023)

Food Groups	Inspected Substances *1	Planned Number in FY	Actual Number	Violations
Livestock Foods Beef, pork, chicken, horse meat, other poultry meat, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,178	2,392	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	2,178	2,088	0
	Additives	598	652	0
	Pathogenic microbes	657	699	0
	Standards, etc.	715	660	0
	Radiation irradiation	29	35	0
	Removal of SRMs	-	607	8
Processed Livestock Foods Natural cheese, meat products, ice cream, frozen food (meat), etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	1,846	1,834	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,727	2,006	0
	Additives	1,157	1,450	0
	Pathogenic microbes	3,703	3,672	0
	Standards, etc.	2,326	2,277	5
	Mycotoxins	-	10	0
	Radiation irradiation	-	7	0
Fishery Foods Bivalves, fish, crustacea (shrimps, crabs, etc.) , etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	1,817	2,206	4
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,638	1,846	0
	Additives	297	319	0
	Pathogenic microbes	1,194	1,739	0
	Standards, etc.	414	379	0
	Genetically modified food	59	52	0
	Radiation irradiation	64	50	1
Processed Aquatic Foods Processed fish products (fillet, dried or minced fish, etc.), frozen food (marine animals, fish), processed fish egg products, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	3,245	3,941	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	3,093	4,035	0
	Additives	1,474	2,405	0
	Pathogenic microbes	4,208	4,798	1
	Standards, etc.	4,237	4,359	15
	Mycotoxins	-	13	0
	Genetically modified food	-	1	0
	Radiation irradiation	-	28	0
Agricultural Foods Vegetables, fruit, wheat, corn, beans, peanuts, nuts, seeds, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,470	2,847	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals *4	10,117	9,738	40
	Additives	1,043	1,067	0
	Pathogenic microbes	2,392	2,590	1
	Standards, etc.	205	275	0
	Mycotoxins	2,147	2,238	4
	Genetically modified food	354	310	0
	Radiation irradiation	119	138	0
Processed Agricultural Foods Frozen foods (processed vegetable), processed vegetable products, processed fruit products, spices, instant noodles etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	598	745	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	6,621	8,090	11
	Additives	4,132	5,679	1
	Pathogenic microbes	3,048	3,137	0
	Standards, etc.	3,487	4,015	14
	Mycotoxins	3,853	3,818	9
	Genetically modified food	510	563	0
	Radiation irradiation	458	449	3
Other Foods Health foods, soups, seasoning, confectionary, cooking oil and fat, frozen food, etc.	Residual agricultural chemicals	895	1,317	0
	Additives	2,565	3,308	9
	Pathogenic microbes	-	18	0
	Standards, etc.	598	500	1
	Mycotoxins	1,794	1,672	0
	Genetically modified food	-	23	0
	Radiation irradiation	-	8	0
Beverages Mineral waters, soft drinks, alcohol drinks, etc.	Residual agricultural chemicals	238	301	0
	Additives	1,045	1,217	0
	Standards, etc.	627	561	0
	Mycotoxins	178	167	0
Additives Apparatus, Containers and Packaging Toys for infants	Standards, etc.	1,761	1,745	12
Total (gross)		100,109 *2	101,096 *3 Implementation rate of 101%	139 *3

*1 Examples of inspected substances

- Antibacterial substances, etc. : Antibiotics, synthetic antimicrobials, hormon agents, etc.
- Residual agricultural chemicals : Organophosphorus, organochlorine, carbamates, pyrethroid agricultural chemical, etc.
- Additives : Preservatives, coloring agents, sweeteners, antioxidants, fungicides, etc.
- Pathogenic microbes : Enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) O26, O103, O104, O111, O121, O145 and O157, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, etc.
- Standards, etc. : Items stipulated in the standards (bacterial count, coliform bacteria, radioactive substances, etc. (excluding pathogenic microbes)) , shellfish poisons (diarrhetic shellfish poisons and paralytic shellfish poisons) , etc.
- Mycotoxins : Aflatoxin, deoxynivalenol, patulin, etc.
- Genetically modified foods : Genetically modified food etc. that have not been assessed for safety.
- Radiation irradiation : Whether irradiation is applied

*2 Gross number of cases with the 10,000 cases planned for enhanced inspections added.

*3 Gross number of inspection cases by inspected substance. Number of notification cases is 50,060 cases. Number of violations by notification is 131.

*4 Includes one case where the substance was inspected for residual agricultural chemicals and was found to have been used as an additives in a post-detection investigation.

Table 3 - Items Subject to Enhanced Monitoring Inspections in FY 2023^{*1}

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
China	Red pepper	2,4-D
		Propiconazole
	Short-neck calm	Prometryn
	Asparagus	Isoprocarb
		Haloxypop
		Fenpropathrin
		Profenofos
		Prometryn
	Green soybeans	Difenoconazole
	Chinese pepper	Aflatoxin
	Wood ears	Imidacloprid
		Chlorpyrifos
		Chlorfenapyr
	Shiitake	Acephate
	Perilla	Acetamiprid
		Atrazine
	Soft-shelled turtle	Doxycycline
	Rape flower	Tebuconazole
	Carrot	Triadimenol
		Fluopicolide
		Flusilazole
Vietnam	Green pepper	Propiconazole
		Acephate
	Red pepper	Tebufenpyrad
		Chlorpyrifos
	Feverweed	Cypermethrin
		Profenofos
		Hexaconazole
		Isocarbophos
	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>	Propiconazole
	Proso millet (<i>Panicum miliaceum</i>)	Aflatoxin
	<i>Limnophila aromatica</i>	Isoprothiolane
		Iprobenfos
		Tricyclazole
		Hexaconazole
		Lufenuron
	Centella	Tolfenpyrad
	Boiled crab for raw consumption	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> ^{*2}
	Passion fruit	Cypermethrin
	Banana	Imidacloprid
		Metalaxyl and mefenoxam
		Lufenuron
	Melon	Chlorfenapyr
	Lime	Profenofos
	Lime leaf	Profenofos

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
India	Red pepper	Ethion
		Propiconazole
		Methamidophos
	Okra	Chlorpyrifos
		Tebuconazole
	Curry leaves	Ethion
		Profenofos
	Cassia tora	Aflatoxin
	Small peanut	Chlorpyrifos
	Defatted soy	Aflatoxin
	Corn	Aflatoxin
	Broccoli	Propiconazole
Basil seeds	Aflatoxin	
Cultured shrimp	Malachite green	
Thailand	Acacia	Diflubenzuron
	Feverweed	Chlorpyrifos
	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>	Propiconazole
	Leech lime leaf	Triazophos
		Pirimiphos methyl
	Pandanus palm leaf	Cypermethrin
		Pyridaben
		Hexaconazole
Banana	Imidacloprid	
Sweet basil	Triazophos	
South Korea	Red pepper	Propiconazole
	Perilla	Indoxacarb
		Paclobutrazol
	Green pepper	Tetraconazole
	Cultured olive flounder	Benzylpenicillin
	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
	<i>Allium wakegi</i>	Etofenprox
Hexaconazole		
Bangladesh	Green pepper	Methamidophos
	Red pepper	Methamidophos
	Non-glutinous rice	Chlorpyrifos
USA	Chicken	Lasalocid
	Chickpea	Piperonyl butoxide
	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
Australia	Truffles	Aldrin and dieldrin
	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
Netherlands	Strawberry	Bupirimate
	Celeriac	Chlorpropham
Nepal	Buckwheat	Aflatoxin
	Corn	Aflatoxin
Argentina	Kidney beans	2,4-D
		Aflatoxin
Iran	Pistachio nut	Imidacloprid
		Chlorpyrifos
Indonesia	Coffee beans	Isoprocarb
United Kingdom	Honey	Glyphosate

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
Ecuador	Cacao beans	Malathion
Ethiopia	Mung bean	Cyproconazole
Kenya	Coffee beans	Chlorpyrifos
Cote d'Ivoire	Cacao beans	Aflatoxin
Costa Rica	Banana	Pyriproxyfen
Colombia	Coffee beans	2,4-D
Taiwan	Taro	Paclobutrazol
Chile	Blueberry	Indoxacarb
		Tebuconazole
		Fludioxonil
Pakistan	Sesame seeds	Chlorpyrifos
France	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
Honduras	Melon	Azoxystrobin
		Difenoconazole
South Africa	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
Mexico	Mango	Permethrin

*1 Include the items which were rescinded from inspection orders. Exclude the items which were transferred to inspection orders.

*2 Item which 30% of import notifications were inspected as a measure to enhance inspections during the summer period, (Jun-Oct 2023).

Table 4 - Items Transferred to Inspection Order after Enhanced Monitoring Inspections in FY 2023

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
Vietnam	Calamansi	Profenofos
	Spiny eel	Enrofloxacin
	Durian	Procymidone
India	Pearl millet (<i>Pennisetum glaucumm</i>)	Aflatoxin
	Chickpea	Chlorpyrifos
Mozambique	Sesame seeds	Carbaryl
		Thiamethoxam
Thailand	Snakehead	Enrofloxacin
China	Carrot	Mepiquat-chloride

Table 5 - Items Immediately Transferred to Inspection Order in FY 2023

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
China	Foods containing chinese pepper (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing sesame seed (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Perilla	Enterohemorrhagic <i>Escherichia coli</i> O26
	Foods (manufacturer limited)	Cyclamic acid
India	Foods containing dried pineapple (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Buckwheat	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing pearl millet (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Italy	Foods containing almond or pistachio nut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing pistachio or hazelnut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Sri Lanka	Non-glutinous rice	Aflatoxin
	Cacao beans	Aflatoxin
USA	Foods containing dried fig or dried apple (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing pistachio (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Indonesia	Foods containing red pepper or peanut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Sweden	Foods containing almond or sunflower seed (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Spain	Foods containing almond or dried fig (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Taiwan	Foods containing red pepper, chinese pepper or peanut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Tanzania	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin
Nepal	Foods containing red pepper (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Vietnam	Foods (manufacturer limited)	Cyclamic acid
Peru	Foods containing brazil nuts (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Mali	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin

Table 6 - Major Items Subject to Ordered Inspections and Inspection Results (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Major subject foods	Major Inspected Substances	Inspections (cases)	Violations (cases)	
All exporting countries (15 items)	Dried figs, Chili peppers, Nuts, Mixed spices, Peanuts	Aflatoxin	10,968	88	
	Manioc, Beans containing cyanide	Cyanide	280	9	
	Salted salmon roe	Nitrite	120	0	
China (23 items)	Red pepper, Threel leaf arrowhead (<i>Sagittaria trifolia</i>), buckwheat, onion, carrot, Garlic sprouts, broccoli, spinach	Endrin, Chlorpyrifos, Dimethomorph, Thiamethoxam, Triadimenol, Paclobutrazol, Haloxyfop, Procymidone, Propiconazole	35,311	38	
	Bivalves	Diarrhetic shellfish poison, Paralytic shellfish poison	7,215	4	
	Buckwheat, Sunflower seeds	Aflatoxin	703	1	
	Soft-shelled turtle, Cultured eel	Enrofloxacin, Oxolinic acid, Sulfadimidine	443	3	
	Processed foods	Cyclamic acid	361	1	
Vietnam (16 items)	Shrimp, Frog, Filefish	Enrofloxacin, Chloramphenicol, Doxycycline, Furazolidone	16,559	19	
	Red pepper, Calamansi, <i>Capsicum frutescens</i> , Durian, Carrot, Lychees	Tricyclazole, Procymidone, Propiconazole, Profenofos, Hexaconazole	332	7	
	Processed foods	Cyclamic acid	19	0	
South Korea (13 items)	Bivalves	Diarrhetic shellfish poison, Paralytic shellfish poison	2,956	0	
	Green pepper, Red pepper, Perilla, Tomato, Oriental melon	Chlorfenapyr, Tebufenpyrad, Paclobutrazol, Fluquinconazole, Propiconazole, Hexaconazole	461	0	
	Cultured olive flounder	Enrofloxacin, Oxytetracycline	22	0	
India (12 items)	Cultured shrimp	Furazolidone	1,503	5	
	Cashew nut, Black tea, Chickpea	Chlorpyrifos, Hexaconazole	455	15	
	Buckwheat, Pearl millet (<i>Pennisetum glaucumm</i>), Corn	Aflatoxin	13	0	
Italy (11 items)	Corn, Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	495	7	
	Natural cheese	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	18	0	
Thailand (10 items)	Red shallot, Okura, Green asparagus, Durian, Banana, Mango, Mangosteen	EPN, Imazalil, Chlorpyrifos, Cypermethrin, Haloxyfop, Procymidone, Propiconazole	1,020	6	
	Snakehead	Enrofloxacin	1	0	
USA (10 items)	Dried dates, Corn, Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	3,231	18	
Taiwan (5 items)	Oolong tea	Carbaryl	719	7	
	Foods	Aflatoxin	9	0	
Philippines (5 items)	Banana, Mango	Chlorpyrifos, Fipronil, Phenthoate	394	0	
	Tuna fillet for raw consumption	<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	208	0	
Other (34 countries and regions; total of 50 items)			1,066	17	
Grand total			(Gross) ^{*1}	84,882	245
			(Actual) ^{*2}	62,333	241

*1 Number of inspection cases by inspected substance

*2 Number of inspection cases by notification

Table 7 - Violations by Legal Provision (FY 2023)

Provision violated	Violations (cases)	Proportion ^{*3}	Major Violation Details
Article 6 (Foods and additives prohibited to distribute)	226 (Gross) 224 (Actual)	27.8%	Contamination of aflatoxin to almonds, corn, pistachio nut, peanut, detection of cyanide compounds from cassava, detection of methanol from brandy, detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O26 from Perilla, detection of paralytic and diarrhetic shellfish poisoning from bivalves, decay or spoilage due to accidents during the transport of rice, wheat, rapeseed, soybean, etc.
Article 10 (Prohibition for distribution, etc. of meat from diseased animal)	8 (Gross) 8 (Actual)	1.0%	Non-attachment of health certificate
Article 12 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of additives, etc.)	42 (Gross) 39 (Actual)	5.2%	Use of undesignated additives (TBHQ, Azorubine, Quinoline Yellow, Potassium Aluminium Silicate, Cyclamic Acid, Brilliant Black BN, Boric Acid, Manganese Sulfate, Potassium Iodide, Iodized Salt)
Article 13 (Standards and criteria for foods and additives)	495 (Gross) 459 (Actual)	61.0%	Violations of standards for vegetables and processed products (agricultural chemicals residue exceeding the standards, <i>E. coli</i> test positive, etc.), violations of standards for livestock foods, aquatic foods and their processed products (veterinary drugs and agricultural chemicals residue exceeding the standards, etc.), violations of standards for other processed products (coliform bacteria test positive, etc.), violations of standards for use of additives (Sorbic acid, Sulfur dioxide, etc.), and violations of specifications for additives, detection of genetically modified food that has not undergone safety assessment, etc.
Article 18 (Standards and criteria for apparatus, containers and packaging)	38 (Gross) 32 (Actual)	4.7%	Violations of material standards
Article 68 (Mutatis mutandis application for toys for infants)	3 (Gross) 3 (Actual)	0.4%	Violations of standards for toys for infants
Total	(Gross) ^{*1} 812 (Actual) ^{*2} 763		

*1 Number of inspection cases by inspected substance

*2 Number of cases by notification (of one case violated both Article 6 and 13, one case violated both Article 12 and 13.)

*3 Composition ratios by gross numbers

Table 8-1 - Violations Relating to Presence of Harmful or Toxic Substances and Contamination with Pathogenic Microbes (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
USA	Almond	Aflatoxin	33	65
	Corn	Aflatoxin	15	
	Peanut	Aflatoxin	10	
	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	3	
	Flax seeds	Cyanide	1	
	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	1	
	Dried dates	Aflatoxin	1	
	Biscuit	Aflatoxin	1	
China	Peanut	Aflatoxin	11	23
	Short-neck clam	Paralytic shellfish poison	3	
	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxin	2	
	Arch shell	Diarrhetic shellfish poison	1	
	Heat processed meat products	<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	1	
	Dried plum	Cyanide	1	
	Perilla	Enterohemorrhagic <i>Escherichia coli</i> O26	1	
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Aflatoxin	1	
	Buckwheat	Aflatoxin	1	
	Mixed spices	Aflatoxin	1	
Italy	Confectionery	Cyanide	6	15
	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	3	
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Aflatoxin	2	
	Biscuit	Aflatoxin	2	
	Chocolate	Aflatoxin	1	
	Natural cheese	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	1	
India	Retort pouched food (vegetables)	Cyanide	3	10
	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxin	2	
	Flax seeds	Cyanide	1	
	Dried pineapple	Aflatoxin	1	
	Processed grain product	Aflatoxin	1	
	Buckwheat	Aflatoxin	1	
	Pearl millet (<i>Pennisetum glaucum</i>)	Aflatoxin	1	
Switzerland	Spirits	Methanol	10	10
Indonesia	Peanut	Aflatoxin	5	6
	Nutmeg (spice)	Aflatoxin	1	
Nepal	Mixed spices	Aflatoxin	5	6
	Flax seeds	Cyanide	1	
Iran	Dried fig	Aflatoxin	4	4
Sri Lanka	Non-glutinous rice	Aflatoxin	1	4
	Manioc	Cyanide	1	
	Cocoa powder	Aflatoxin	1	
	Peanut	Aflatoxin	1	
Pakistan	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxin	3	4
	Confectionery	Cyanide	1	
Brazil	Manioc	Cyanide	2	4
	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	1	
	Peanut	Aflatoxin	1	

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
France	Spirits	Methanol	2	4
	Soft drink	Patulin	1	
	Natural cheese	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	1	
Spain	Almond	Aflatoxin	2	3
	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	1	
Thailand	Job's tears	Aflatoxin	2	3
	Chocolate	Aflatoxin	1	
Turkiye	Hazelnuts	Aflatoxin	3	3
Vietnam	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	1	2
	Boiled crab	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	1	
Peru	Brazil nuts	Aflatoxin	2	2
Myanmar	Butter beans	Cyanide	2	2
United Kingdom	Chocolate	Aflatoxin	1	1
Ghana	Peanut	Aflatoxin	1	1
Kazakhstan	Flax seeds	Cyanide	1	1
South Korea	Soft drink	Patulin	1	1
Sweden	Frozen food (other food product)	Aflatoxin	1	1
Senegal	Manioc	Cyanide	1	1
Taiwan	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	1	1
Tanzania	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin	1	1
Czech Republic	Spirits	Methanol	1	1
Germany	Processed grain product	Cyanide	1	1
Philippines	Peanut	Aflatoxin	1	1
Mali	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin	1	1
South Africa	Peanut	Aflatoxin	1	1
Laos	Job's tears	Aflatoxin	1	1
Total			(Gross) ^{*1}	184
			(Actual) ^{*2}	182

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-2 - Violations of Standards on Agricultural Chemical Residues (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details				Cases* ¹
		Standard Value		The Uniform Limit (0.01ppm)		
China	Carrot			Mepiquat-chloride	15	75
				Dimethomorph	10	
				Flusilazole	2	
	Onion	Thiamethoxam	11			
	Broccoli			Procymidone	10	
	Buckwheat			Haloxypop	6	
	Asparagus			Haloxypop	3	
				Prometryn	2	
	Wood ears			Chlorfenapyr	2	
				Imidacloprid	1	
				Chlorpyrifos	1	
	Threeleaf arrowhead			Paclobutrazol	3	
	Perilla	Acetamiprid	1			
		Atrazine	1			
	Bayberry	4-CPA	1	Difenoconazole	1	
	Green soybeans			Difenoconazole	1	
	Shiitake			Acephate	1	
	Hot pepper (spice)			2,4-D	1	
Rape flower			Tebuconazole	1		
Lychees			Isocarbophos	1		
India	Chickpea			Chlorpyrifos	12	24
	Cashew nut			Chlorpyrifos	5	
	Okra			Chlorpyrifos	2	
				Tebuconazole	2	
	Curry leaves	Ethion	1	Profenofos	1	
	Peanut			Chlorpyrifos	1	
Vietnam	Red hot pepper			Propiconazole	2	20
				Acephate	1	
				Tebuufenpyrad	1	
	Calamansi			Profenofos	4	
	Capsicum frutescens			Isocarbophos	1	
				Tricyclazole	1	
				Hexaconazole	1	
	Banana	Imidacloprid	3			
	Durian			Procymidone	2	
	Centella			Tolfenpyrad	1	
	Passion fruit			Cypermethrin	1	
	Lime			Profenofos	1	
Lime leaf			Paclobutrazol	1		
Thailand	Durian			Procymidone	6	11
	Acacia			Diflubenzuron	1	
				Triazophos	1	
	Leech lime leaf			Triazophos	1	
	Red shallot			Haloxypop	1	
	Pandanus palm leaf	Cypermethrin	1			
Mozambique	Sesame seeds	Thiamethoxam	2	Carbaryl (NAC)	6	8
Taiwan	Oolong tea			Carbaryl (NAC)	7	7
Ecuador	Cacao beans			2,4-D	5	5

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details				Cases ^{*1}
		Standard Value		The Uniform Limit (0.01ppm)		
Chile	Blueberry	Fludioxonil	1	Indoxacarb	1	3
				Tebuconazole	1	
Iran	Pistachio nut			Chlorpyrifos	2	2
Tanzania	Sesame seeds	Imidacloprid	2			2
Argentina	Kidney beans			2,4-D	1	1
Australia	Truffle			Dieldrin	1	1
Colombia	Coffee beans			2,4-D	1	1
Bangladesh	Non-glutinous rice			Chlorpyrifos	1	1
USA	Chickpea	Piperonyl butoxide	1			1
Venezuela	Cacao beans			2,4-D	1	1
Myanmar	Mung bean	Thiamethoxam	1			1
(Gross) ^{*1}						164
(Actual) ^{*2}						156

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-3 - Violations of Microbiological Criteria (FY2023)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ¹⁾	Total
China	Frozen food (vegetables)	<i>E. coli</i>	7	49
		Coliform bacteria	2	
		Bacterial count	2	
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	8	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	6	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	3	
		Bacterial count	3	
	Frozen food (fish)	<i>E. coli</i>	2	
		Bacterial count	2	
	Fish cake	Coliform bacteria	3	
	Frozen food (grains)	Bacterial count	2	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Boiled crab	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Heat processed meat products	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (shellfish)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (chicken)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Vietnam	Frozen food (fish)	<i>E. coli</i>	4	17
		Bacterial count	4	
		Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria	2	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Fish cake	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (shellfish)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Bacterial count	1	
South Korea	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	3	15
		<i>E. coli</i>	1	
	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	2	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Coliform bacteria	2	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Dairy product	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	1	

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
Indonesia	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	2	11
		Bacterial count	1	
	Boiled crab	Coliform bacteria	1	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	1	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Bacterial count	1	
India	Frozen food (vegetables)	Coliform bacteria	1	10
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	1	
	Soft drink	Bacterial count	4	
	Ice cream	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	<i>E. coli</i>	2	
Thailand	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	1	10
		Possible microbes	1	
	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (grains)	Bacterial count	1	
Taiwan	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	10
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other agricultural food)	Coliform bacteria	1	
		Bacterial count	3	
	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	
USA	Frozen food (fruits)	Bacterial count	1	7
	Frozen food (grains)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
	Frozen food (beans)	Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	2	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
Italy	Soft drink	Bacterial count	2	5
	Heat processed meat products	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
	Unheated meat product	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
	Ice cream	Coliform bacteria	1	
		Bacterial count	1	
Bangladesh	Frozen food (grains)	Coliform bacteria	1	4
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
Philippines	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1	4
		Bacterial count	1	
	Boiled octopus	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Netherlands	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count	1	3
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (other agricultural food)	Bacterial count	1	
Turkiye	Frozen food (vegetables)	Coliform bacteria	1	3
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	1	
Chile	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1	2
	Boiled crab	Bacterial count	1	
France	Dairy product	Coliform bacteria	1	2
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Belgium	Frozen food (vegetables)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	2
		Bacterial count	1	
Ireland	Frozen food (shellfish)	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Australia	Ice cream	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Austria	Heat processed meat products	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Canada	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Bacterial count	1	1
Sri Lanka	Boiled octopus	Bacterial count	1	1
New Zealand	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Malaysia	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count	1	1
South Africa	Soft drink	Bacterial count	1	1
Mexico	Juice concentrate	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Mozambique	Boiled octopus	Bacterial count	1	1
Total			(Gross) ^{*1}	164
			(Actual) ^{*2}	149

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-4 - Violations Relating to the Use of Undesignated Additives and Violations of Standards for Use of Additives (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases ^{*1}	Total
China	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	30
			Cyclamic acid	2	
	Candies	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	3	
	Bread	Violation of standards for use of additives	Dehydroacetic acid	3	
	Processed seaweed product	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
	Processed fruit product	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	2	
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Pickled Vegetables	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	2	
	Retort pouched food	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Shrimp	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Health food	Violation of standards for use of additives	Anisaldehyde	1	
	Processed seed and nut product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Instant noodles	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
	Processed vegetable product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Processed bean product	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Processed vegetable product (dried)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Frozen food (processed vegetable product)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Turkiye	Biscuit	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	7	13
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	3	
	Dried fruits	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	2	
			Sorbic acid	1	
Italy	Confectionery	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	6	11
	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium aluminium silicate	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Iron sesquioxide	1	
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
Philippines	Frozen food (other food product)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Propionic acid	4	9
			Sorbic acid	3	
	Sugar	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	
	Frozen food (Processed grain product)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Propionic acid	1	
India	Confectionery	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	2	6
			Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Other agricultural food	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	
	Processed bean product	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
Vietnam	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	6
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Acesulfame Potassium	1	
	Dried fruits	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
	Processed bean product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Acesulfame Potassium	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases ^{*1}	Total
Taiwan	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Acesulfame Potassium	1	5
			Sorbic acid	1	
	Sugar	Violation of standards for use of additives	Acesulfame Potassium	2	
	Soft drink	Violation of standards for use of additives	Calcium Stearoyl Lactylate	1	
United Kingdom	Food additive	Use of undesignated additives	Boric acid	1	4
			Manganese sulfate	1	
			Potassium iodide	1	
	Chocolate	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
Netherlands	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	3	3
South Korea	Snacks	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	3
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	
Greece	Confectionery	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	3	3
Spain	Shrimp	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	3
	Processed fruit product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Ferrous gluconate	1	
	Pork	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
Thailand	Heat processed meat products	Violation of standards for use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	3
	Chocolate	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
France	Dried fruits	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	2	3
	Alcoholic beverages	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
USA	Dried fruits	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	2	3
	Processed bean product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Iran	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	2	2
Estonia	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Brilliant Black BN	1	2
			Azorubine	1	
Sri Lanka	Processed grain product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	2
			Potassium sorbate	1	
South Africa	Candies	Use of undesignated additives	Quinoline Yellow	2	2
Uzbekistan	Dried fruits	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	1
Sweden	Frozen food (other food product)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	1
Chile	Blueberry	Violation of standards for use of additives	Fludioxonil	1	1
Brazil	Shrimp	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	1
Russia	Crab	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	1
Total		(Gross) ^{*1}	Use of undesignated additives	42	118
			Violation of standards for use of additives	76	
		(Actual) ^{*2}	Use of undesignated additives	39	111
			Violation of standards for use of additives	73	

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification (1 violation case belongs to both use of undesignated additives and violation of standards for use of additives)

Table 8-5 - Violations Relating to Decay and Deterioration (e.g., unpleasant smell or mold) (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Item Category	Cases	Total
USA	Rice	10	22
	Wheat	9	
	Soybean	3	
Thailand	Rice	14	14
Australia	Rice	5	7
	Barley	2	
Brazil	Soybean	3	3
Canada	Wheat	1	2
	Rapeseed	1	
China	Rice	2	2
Total			50

Table 8-6 - Violations of Standards on Apparatus, Containers and Packaging (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Material type	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
China	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	3	19
		Potassium permanganate consumption	2	
		Coloring agent	1	
		Phenol	1	
		Formaldehyde	1	
	Rubber	Zinc	6	
		Evaporation residue	2	
	Porcelain	Lead	2	
	Enameled	Cadmium	1	
Hong Kong	Earthenware	Lead	3	4
		Cadmium	1	
Italy	Synthetic resin	Caprolactam	1	3
		Potassium permanganate consumption	1	
		Evaporation residue	1	
Taiwan	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	2	2
Brazil	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	2	2
Vietnam	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	2	2
India	Rubber	Zinc	1	1
Canada	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	1	1
Switzerland	Metals	Lead	1	1
Spain	Earthenware	Lead	1	1
Thailand	Synthetic resin	Potassium permanganate consumption	1	1
Germany	Rubber	Zinc	1	1
Total			(Gross) ^{*1}	38
			(Actual) ^{*2}	32

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-7 - Violations of Standards on Veterinary Drug Residues (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details					Cases ^{*1}
		Exceeding the standard values (The uniform limit (0.01ppm))	Shall not contain	Shall not be detected			
Vietnam	Shrimp		Enrofloxacin	3	Furazolidone (as AOZ)	1	21
			Doxycycline	10			
	Frog		Enrofloxacin	3	Furazolidone (as AOZ)	3	
	Spiny eel		Enrofloxacin	1			
India	Shrimp				Furazolidone (as AOZ)	4	5
					Malachite green	1	
China	Soft-shelled turtle		Enrofloxacin	3			3
South Korea	Olive flounder		Benzylpenicillin	1			1
Thailand	Snakehead		Enrofloxacin	1			1
Total						(Gross) ^{*1}	31
						(Actual) ^{*2}	28

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-8 - Other Violations (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
China	Food additive	Specifications	17	22
	Substitute for tea	Detection of unauthorized genetically modified food	2	
	Toys for infants	Standards	1	
	Dried fruits	Radiation irradiation	1	
	Spices	Radiation irradiation	1	
South Korea	Soft drink	Storage standards	4	5
	Food additive	Specifications	1	
Indonesia	Food additive	Specifications	3	4
	Spices	Radiation irradiation	1	
United Kingdom	Beef tongue	Non-attachment of health certificate	2	4
	Food additive	Specifications	2	
Australia	Soft drink	Manufacturing standards	4	4
Spain	Dried meat product	Standards	3	4
	Mutton and lamb	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	
USA	Food additive	Specifications	2	3
	Mineral waters	Standards	1	
Vietnam	Toys for infants	Standards	2	3
	Frozen shrimp	Radiation irradiation	1	
Ireland	Beef tongue	Non-attachment of health certificate	2	2
Italy	Beef tongue	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	2
	Food additive	Specifications	1	
Thailand	Food additive	Specifications	2	2
France	Beef	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	2
	Food additive	Specifications	1	
Denmark	Food additive	Specifications	1	1
Germany	Food additive	Specifications	1	1
Nepal	Instant noodles	Standards	1	1
Poland	Beef tongue	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	1
Malaysia	Food additive	Specifications	1	1
Mexico	Food additive	Specifications	1	1
Total			(Gross) ^{*1}	63
			(Actual) ^{*2}	58

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 9 - Major Enhanced Monitoring Based on Overseas Information (FY 2023)

Month of enhancement	Country/Region	Food Items and Risks	Background and Measures Taken
April	Belgium	Chocolate using almond as ingredient (Possible contamination with Aflatoxin)	Based on the information that Aflatoxin was detected from almonds and that chocolates using them as ingredient were voluntarily recalled in Belgium, measures such as reshipment were taken when an import notification of the recalled product was made.
July	Australia	Natural cheese (Possible contamination with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>)	Based on the information that <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> was detected from the natural cheese and that it was voluntarily recalled in Australia, instruction-based inspection was carried out when import notifications are submitted by specific manufacturer.

Table10 - Major Bilateral Consultations and On-site Visit (FY 2023)

Item (subject of inspection order etc.)	Bilateral Consultations	Date of on-site inspection
Beef from Norway (BSE)	Based on the risk assessment by the Food Safety Commission in January 2020, and following on-site inspections in May 2023, the implementation status of export programs for beef and its products, including a review of age restrictions, was confirmed for facilities intended for export to Japan.	May 2023
Banana from the Philippines (Fipronil)	Consultations began in November 2018. Measures were taken for residual agricultural chemicals by the Government of the Philippines. Therefore, as the result of an on-site inspection in November 2023, some exporters and packers were exempted from the inspection order.	Nov 2023
Papaya from the Philippines (Genetically modified)	Consultations began in November 2022. Based on the report of control from the Government of the Philippines, instruction-based inspections have been exempted only for fresh papaya (Solo variety) . The implementation status of the export control system for Japan was confirmed.	Nov 2023
Beef from Sweden (BSE)	Based on the risk assessment by the Food Safety Commission in November 2023, and following on-site inspections in November to December 2023, consultations with the government of Sweden were held, and the restrictions on cattle age of imported beef were removed in December 2023.	Nov to Dec 2023
Beef from Germany (BSE)	Based on the risk assessment by the Food Safety Commission in November 2023, and following on-site inspections in December 2023, consultations with the government of Germany were held, and leading to the lifting of the import ban on beef in December 2023.	Dec 2023
Horse meat from Poland (Enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i>)	An investigation was launched following an outbreak of food poisoning in Japan in February 2023. An on-site inspection of a horse meat slaughterhouse in Poland was conducted to confirm the hygiene management status regarding enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> O26.	Dec 2023
Horse meat from Italy (Enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i>)	An investigation was launched following an outbreak of food poisoning in Japan in February 2023. An on-site inspection of a horse meat processing plant in Italy was conducted to confirm the cause and the status of improvements with regard to hygiene management related to enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i> O26.	Jan 2024
Beef from USA (BSE)	Following an on-site inspection in January 2024, it was confirmed that export programs for beef and its products were being adhered to at facilities designated for export to Japan.	Jan 2024
Berries from Chile (On-site inspection)	Based on the information from overseas that some Chilean berries were being voluntarily recalled due to the detection of Hepatitis A virus in May 2023, and on-site inspection was conducted to confirm the hygiene management status of local farms, packers, and manufacturers in Chile.	Mar 2024
Beef from Austria (BSE)	Based on the risk assessment by the Food Safety Commission in December 2020, consultations with the government of Austria were held, and the restrictions on cattle age of imported beef were removed in July 2023.	—
Beef from Spain (BSE)	Based on the risk assessment by the Food Safety Commission in February 2021, consultations with the government of Spain were held, and the restrictions on cattle age of imported beef were removed in July 2023.	—

Table 11 - Outcomes of Pre-import Guidance (Import Consultation)

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Import consultations implemented	13,650	14,903	14,471	13,931	13,659
Import consultations on item-by-item basis	22,629	23,781	23,297	22,579	23,266
Violations on item-by-item basis	627	523	517	340	404 ^{*1}

* Office 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 consultations implemented prior to import in Office of Imported Food Consultation

*1 Gross number of inspection cases by substances is 486.

Table 12 - Number of Violations in Pre-import Guidance (Import Consultation) by Provision (FY 2023)

Provision	Violations (cases)	Proportion (%)	Details of major violations
Article 6 (Foods and additives prohibited for distribution)	4 (Gross) 4 (Actual)	0.8%	Use of lupin bean Use of comfrey (<i>symphytum</i> spp.)
Article 10 (Prohibition for distribution, etc. of meat from diseased animal)	1 (Gross) 1 (Actual)	0.2%	Non-attachment of health certificate
Article 11 (Prohibition on import of food, etc., specified by the MHLW Order)	1 (Gross) 1 (Actual)	0.2%	Non-attachment of health certificate
Article 12 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of additives, etc.)	193 (Gross) 160 (Actual)	39.7%	Use of undesignated additives (L-Cysteine, L-Malic acid, TBHQ, Azorubine, Amidated pectin, Ammonium phosphatide, Carboxymethyl cellulose, Zinc citrate, Potassium aluminium silicate, Sodium cyclamate, Potassium acetate, Zinc oxide, Dichloromethane, Choline bitartrate, Potassium sodium tartrate, para-Aminobenzoic acid, Chromium picolinate, Zinc picolinate, Phytonadione, Ferrous fumarate, Potassium iodide, Iodine, Iodized salt, Potassium iodate, Sodium lauryl sulfate, Sodium aluminum phosphate, etc.)
Article 13 (Standards and criteria for foods and additives)	286 (Gross) 253 (Actual)	58.8%	Ineligible use of Potassium sorbate in soft drinks and confectionery, Ineligible use of Potassium sorbate and Sodium benzoate in health food and seasoning, Excessive use of Potassium sorbate in health food and confectionery, Non-compliance with the manufacturing standard (sterilization condition) of soft drinks, etc.
Article 18 (Standards and criteria for apparatus, containers and packaging)	1 (Gross) 1 (Actual)	0.2%	Non-compliance with Standards for Containers Materials (Use of nylon for the parts that directly contact with the contents (milk, cream))
Total	(Gross) ^{*1} 486 (Actual) ^{*2} 404		

*1 Number of cases

*2 Number of consulted items that constitute a violation of the Act

Table 13 - Cases of Import Consultations by Country, Item and Violation details (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
South Korea	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	2	113
			Amidated pectin	1	
			Zinc-amino acid Chelates	1	
			Magnesium gluconate	1	
			Zinc oxide	8	
			Choline bitartrate	1	
			Hydroxypropylmethylcellulose phthalate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium carboxymethylcellulose	1	
			Propylene glycol	5	
		Ineligible use of additives	L-Cysteine monohydrochloride	1	
			Sodium selenite	2	
			Sodium copper chlorophyllin	2	
			Cupric sulfate	1	
	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Quinine hydrochloride	1	
			Zinc oxide	6	
			Phytonadione	1	
			Ferrous fumarate	6	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acesulfame potassium	1	
			Sucralose	5	
			Propylene glycol	1	
			Polysorbate20	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	2	
		Frozen food (other food product)	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium saccharin	
	Sorbic acid			1	
	Polysorbate80			1	
	Ineligible use of additives		Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate	4	
			Zinc oxide	1	
	Use of undesignated additives		Ferrous fumarate	1	
		Other processed vegetable product	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	
	Sorbic acid			4	
	Potassium sorbate			1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	5	
			Ethyl p-hydroxybenzoate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate80	2	
	Confectionery	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicone resin	5	
			Sucralose	1	
Propylene glycol			1		
Candies	Use of undesignated additives	Amidated pectin	4		
		Zinc oxide	1		
		Ferrous fumarate	1		
Dairy product	Use of undesignated additives	Amidated pectin	4		
Snacks	Ineligible use of additives	BHA	1		
		Silicon dioxide	1		
Other milk and dairy product	Use of undesignated additives	Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	1		
		Sodium lauryl sulfate	1		
Other foods	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	2		
Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium sodium tartrate	2		
Cocoa product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1		
Processed aquatic animal products (dried products)	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1		
Sauce	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1		

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
South Korea	Other agricultural food	Ineligible use of additives	L-Cysteine monohydrochloride	1	113
	Biscuit	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicone resin	1	
	Frozen food (squid)	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicone resin	1	
	Frozen food (processed grain product)	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicone resin	1	
	Frozen food (other agricultural food)	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	1	
	Frozen food (processed vegetable product)	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicone resin	1	
	Retort pouched food	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Use of preservatives	1	
China	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	β -glucosyltransferase	1	68
			Adenosine kinase	1	
			Aluminium chloride	1	
			Kinase	1	
			Chlorobenzene	1	
			Zinc oxide	1	
			Dichloromethane	2	
			Nicotinamide phosphoribosyl transferase	1	
			Nicotinamide riboside kinase	1	
			Nuclease	1	
			Polyphosphate kinase	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	d/- α -Tocopherol	1	
			Acetone	1	
			Amyl alcohol	1	
			Ethyl acetate	3	
			Zinc sulfate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicone resin	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	BHA	1	
			Potassium sorbate	5	
			Sodium dehydroacetate	1	
			Propyl gallate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	L-Malic acid	1	
	Instant noodles	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	2	
			Sodium dehydroacetate	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	Glutamine transaminase	1	
	Confectionery	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acesulfame potassium	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	L-Cysteine monohydrochloride	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sucralose	1	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing, processing, and cooking standards	Radiation irradiation	1	
	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium cyclamate	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	2	
	Sauce	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Carboxymethylcellulose	1	
			Sodium cyclamate	1	
	Soup	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodide	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium ferrocyanide	1	
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	
	Pickled Vegetables	Ineligible use of additives	Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
			Sodium dehydroacetate	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
China	Sugar	Use of undesignated additives	Erythritol dehydrogenase	1	68
			Manganese chloride	1	
	Flavoured Ice	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	2	
	Retort pouched food	Ineligible use of additives	BHA	1	
			BHT	1	
	Processed fruit product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sucralose	1	
	Candies	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Cocoa product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Other processed vegetable product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
USA	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Noodles	1	37
			Spices	1	
			Zinc oxide	1	
			Quercetin dihydrate	1	
			Choline citrate	1	
			Zinc citrate	1	
			Croscarmellose sodium	1	
			Choline bitartrate	2	
			p-Aminobenzoic acid	2	
			Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	1	
			Chromium picolinate	1	
			Zinc picolinate	2	
			Methyl cobalamin	1	
			Menaquinone-7	1	
			Zinc iodide	1	
			Calcium laurate	1	
			Sodium hydrosulfide	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	D-mannitol	1	
			L-Cysteine monohydrochloride	1	
			Sodium benzoate	1	
			Ethyl acetate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	2	
			Propyl p-hydroxybenzoate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acetone	1	
			Polysorbate60	1	
	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodide	1	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Chocolate	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Processed vegetable product (dried products)	Ineligible use of additives	Peracetic acid composition	2	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Ester Gum	1	
	Candies	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Propylene glycol	1	
	Plastic utensils	Non-compliance with apparatus and container, packaging Standards	Use of nylon for the parts that directly contact with the contents (milk, cream)	1	
	Other agricultural food	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium borohydride	1	
Thailand	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	12	33
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Insufficient sterilization process	2	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	4	
	Non-fermented tea	Ineligible use of additives	Food Blue No. 1	1	
			Food Yellow No. 4	1	
			Food Yellow No. 5	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Thailand	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	1	33
			Pentane	1	
	Other processed livestock product	Use of undesignated additives	2-n-Octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one	1	
			5-Chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one	1	
	Black tea	Ineligible use of additives	Food Yellow No. 5	2	
	Processed seaweed product	Ineligible use of additives	Peracetic acid	1	
	Processed fruit product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate60	1	
	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Other foods	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Processed bean product	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium copper chlorophyllin	1	
Philippines	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	21
			Sorbic acid	1	
			Potassium sorbate	4	
		Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	5	
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
			Sodium diacetate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Hexane	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodide	1	
	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	
			Diocetyl sodium sulfosuccinate	1	
			Brown HT	1	
	Sugar	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Biscuit	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
Vietnam	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	2	19
			Potassium sorbate	5	
	Confectionery	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium propionate	2	
	Processed grain product	Use of undesignated additives	6-Methylcumarin	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Calcium propionate	1	
	Other foods	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Heat processed meat products	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	
	Dried fruit	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Instant noodles	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acesulfame potassium	1	
	Bivalves	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	
	Dairy product	Non-conformity with storage standards	Storage temperature	1	
Malaysia	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	18
			Potassium sorbate	2	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Propylene glycol	2	
	Food additive	Non-compliance with specifications of additive	Lauric acid (Content)	1	
			Lauric acid (Acid value)	2	
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium aluminium phosphate	2	
	Instant noodles	Ineligible use of additives	Benzoic acid	2	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Benzoic acid	1	
			Sodium benzoate	1	
	Sugar	Use of undesignated additives	Carboxymethylcellulose	2	
	Dried fruit	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
Taiwan	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	2	15
			Benzoic acid	2	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Calcium lactate gluconate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium lactate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	D-mannitol	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Taiwan	Sugar	Ineligible use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	2	15
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Soup	Use of undesignated additives	Trisodium Glycyrhizinate	1	
	Others	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium lauryl sulfate	1	
	Milk product	Ineligible use of additives	Silicon dioxide	1	
	Frozen food (other agricultural food)	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	1	
	Frozen food (processed bean product)	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	1	
France	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	(6S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, glucosamine salt	1	15
			L-Selenomethionine	1	
			L-Methionine folate calcium	1	
			L-Malic Acid	1	
			Phytonadione	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Ethyl acetate	1	
			Hexane	1	
	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	
			Quinoline Yellow	1	
			Brilliant Black BN	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Salt	Ineligible use of additives	Iron sesquioxide	1	
	Candies	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc citrate	1	
	Processed grain product	Use of lupin bean	Use of lupin bean	1	
Nepal	Pickled Vegetables	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	6	12
	Alcoholic beverages	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sorbic acid	2	
			Sulfur dioxide	2	
	Instant noodles	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
Spain	Alcoholic beverages	Ineligible use of additives	Ester Gum	1	11
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
			Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Pantothenic acid	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Tocopherol acetate ester	1	
			Biotin	1	
	Other foods	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium lauryl sulfate	1	
	Unheated meat product	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Water temperature	1	
Turkiye	Processed bean product	Ineligible use of additives	Ester Gum	1	11
	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Ammonium phosphatide	6	
	Confectionery	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Propylene glycol	1	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Ester Gum	1	
Italy	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Potassium sorbate	1	10
			Propylene glycol	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Ester Gum	1	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Chromium picolinate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicon dioxide (fine)	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Spices	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Hungary	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Copper chlorophyll	1	10
			Potassium sorbate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Hungary	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Pectin lyase	1	10
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Zinc sulfate	1	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium aluminium silicate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Iron Sesquioxide	1	
	Frozen food (Processed grain product)	Use of undesignated additives	L-Cysteine	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Indonesia	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	9
		Ineligible use of additives	BHA	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	d/-α-Tocopherol	2	
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	d-α-Tocopheryl acetate	1	
Australia	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Polyethylene glycol	1	9
		Ineligible use of additives	D-mannitol	1	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	2	
	Biscuit	Use of undesignated additives	Iodine	2	
	Egg products	Use of undesignated additives	Aluminum sodium silicate	1	
	Other Processed grain product	Use of lupin bean	Use of lupin bean	1	
	Other Processed vegetable product	Non-compliance with specifications of additive	Peracetic acid composition (Definition, Content)	1	
Singapore	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Magnesium citrate	1	9
			Manganese citrate	1	
			Chromium picolinate	1	
			Zinc oxide	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	3	
	Alcoholic beverages	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
United Kingdom	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Aluminum sodium silicate	1	7
			Aluminium lakes of cochineal	1	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc citrate	1	
			Ferrous citrate	1	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Candies	Use of undesignated additives	Selenium	1	
Germany	Alcoholic beverages	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium carboxymethylcellulose	2	7
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Calcium fluoride	1	
			Iron(III) phosphate	1	
	Soup	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Candies	Ineligible use of additives	Biotin	1	
Belgium	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	4	7
	Health food	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Iron sesquioxide	1	
	Chocolate	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
India	Spices	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	3	6
	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	
	Honey	Non-compliance with manufacturing, processing, and cooking standards	Radiation irradiation	1	
	Potato	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
Finland	Candies	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	6
			Sodium benzoate	2	
	Alcoholic beverages	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Mexico	Boiled vegetables	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	4
	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Monosodium citrate	1	
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
Netherlands	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	3
	Other processed grain product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Other processed vegetable product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Canada	Food additive	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium aluminium silicate	3	3
Brazil	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium acetate	2	3
	Biscuit	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Hong Kong	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	3	3
Sri Lanka	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Carboxymethylcellulose	1	2
	Black tea	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
Bulgaria	Bread	Use of undesignated additives	L-Cysteine	2	2
Lebanon	Processed seed and nut product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	2
			Sodium benzoate	1	
Argentina	Seasoning	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	1
Ukraine	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	1
Egypt	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	1
Austria	Processed bean product	Use of lupin bean	Use of lupin bean	1	1
Cyprus	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Copper chlorophyll	1	1
Croatia	Alcoholic beverages	Use of comfrey (<i>symphytum</i> spp.)	Use of comfrey (<i>symphytum</i> spp.)	1	1
Sweden	Candies	Ineligible use of additives	Copper chlorophyll	1	1
Denmark	Bread	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	1
Peru	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Ineligible use of additives	Saccharin	1	1
Lithuania	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Carmine	1	1
Unknown	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	1

* Gross number of cases violations

Table 14 - Imported Food Violations Detected during the Domestic Monitoring (FY 2023)

Country/Region	Item	Violation details	Cases
China	Frozen asparagus	Isoprocab	1
		Fenprothrin	1
		Profenofos	1
		Prometryn	1
	Confectionery	TBHQ	2
		Sorbic acid	1
Vietnam	Boiled bamboo shoots	Dehydroacetic acid	1
		Sulfur dioxide	1
	Cakes	Propylene glycol	1
	Instant noodles	Food Yellow No. 4	1
	Frozen squid for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1
	Melon	Chlorfenapyr	1
South Korea	Confectionery	Polysorbate80	1
	Cakes	Sorbic acid	1
	Bibimbap Sauce	Sorbic acid	1
	Cultured olive flounder	<i>Kudoa septempunctata</i>	1
Philippines	Dressing	Benzoic acid	1
USA	Frozen chicken	Lasalocid	1
Total			19

(Reference) Description of Key Terms

Term	Description
2,4-D	Agricultural chemical (phenoxy acid herbicide)
4-CPA	Agricultural chemical (plant growth regulator)
Acephate	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Acesulfame Potassium	Additive (sweetener)
Acetamiprid	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid insecticide)
Aflatoxin	Mycotoxin produced by fungi <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> and <i>Aspergillus parasiticus</i> , which belong to fungi imperfecti. Total aflatoxin is measured amount of B1, B2, G1 and G2.
Aldrin and dieldrin	Agricultural chemical (organochlorine insecticide)
Atrazine	Agricultural chemical (triazine herbicide)
Azorubine	Undesignated additive (coloring)
Azoxystrobin	Agricultural chemical (strobilurin fungicide)
Benzylpenicillin	Veterinary drug (β -Lactam antibacterial agent)
BHA (Butylated hydroxyanisole)	Additive (antioxidant agent)
BHT (Dibutylhydroxytoluene)	Additive (antioxidant agent)
Boric acid	Undesignated additive (preservatives)
Brilliant Black BN	Undesignated additive (coloring)
BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy)	A slowly progressive and malignant central neurological disease of cattle. It causes the brain tissue to degenerate and become spongy, and causes symptoms including inability in rising.
Carbaryl	Agricultural chemical (carbamate insecticide)
Chloramphenicol	Veterinary drug (synthetic antibacterial agent)
Chlorfenapyr	Agricultural chemical (pesticides containing pyrrole ring)
Chlorpyrifos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Cyanide	Harmful or poisonous substance (cyanide compounds (e.g. cyanogenic glycosides)) found in plants such as some varieties of beans
Cyclamic acid	Undesignated additive (sweetener)
Cypermethrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Diarrhetic shellfish poison	Shellfish poison (mainly refers to toxins produced by harmful planktons accumulated in bivalves)
Difenoconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Diiflubenzuron	Agricultural chemical (benzoylphenyl urea insecticide)
Dimethomorph	Agricultural chemical (cinnamic acid derivative fungicide)
Doxycycline	Veterinary drug (tetracycline synthetic antimicrobial agent)
Endrin	Agricultural chemical (organochlorine insecticide)
Enrofloxacin	Veterinary drug (new quinolone synthetic antibacterial agent)
Enterohemorrhagic <i>Escherichia coli</i> (<i>E. coli</i>)	Pathogenic microorganism (a bacterium that exists in the intestines of animals. It contaminates foods and drinking water via faeces and urine, and causes early cold like symptoms followed by severe abdominal pain and bloody diarrhea with a large amount of bright red blood).
EPN	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Ethion	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Fenpropathrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Fludioxonil	Agricultural chemical (phenylpyrrole fungicide)
Fluquinconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Flusilazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Furazolidone (as AOZ)	Veterinary drug (nitrofurantoin synthetic antibacterial agent); generates AOZ when metabolized
Genetically modified	The technology to artificially introduce gene with useful characteristics of an organism into a different organism such as plant for having those characteristics.
Haloxypop	Agricultural chemical (aryloxyphenoxy-propionate herbicide)

Term	Description
Hexaconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Imidacloprid	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid insecticide)
Indoxacarb	Agricultural chemical (oxadiazine insecticide)
Iprobenfos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus fungicide)
Isocarbophos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Isoprocab (MIPC)	Agricultural chemical (carbamate insecticide)
Isoprothiolane	Agricultural chemical (dithiolane insecticide)
<i>Kudoa septempunctata</i>	Kind of parasite that causes food poisoning (Myxosporidia)
Lasalocid	Veterinary drug (polyether antibacterial agent)
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Pathogenic microorganism (a bacterium that exists widely in the natural environment. It commonly contaminates dairy products and processed meat products, and causes influenza-like symptoms including malaise and fever)
Lufenuron	Agricultural chemical (benzoylphenyl urea insecticide)
Malachite green	Synthetic antimicrobial agent
Mepiquat-chloride	Agricultural chemical (plant growth regulator)
Oxolinic acid	Veterinary drug (quinolone synthetic antibacterial agent)
Oxytetracycline	Veterinary drug (tetracycline antibacterial agent)
Paclobutrazol	Agricultural chemical (triazole plant growth regulator)
Paralytic shellfish poison	Shellfish poison (mainly refers to toxins produced by harmful planktons accumulated in bivalves)
Patulin	Mycotoxin (produced by the fungi such as <i>Penicillium</i> spp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.)
Piperonyl butoxide	Agricultural chemical (benzodioxole insecticide)
Potassium aluminium silicate	Undesignated additive (coloring)
Procymidone	Agricultural chemical (dicarboximide fungicide)
Profenofos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Prometryn	Agricultural chemical (triazine herbicide)
Propiconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Propionic acid	Additives (preservatives)
Quinoline Yellow	Undesignated additive (coloring)
<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	Pathogenic microorganism (a bacterium that exists widely in nature. It commonly contaminates poultry eggs and meat, and causes abdominal pain, diarrhea, and fever)
Sodium copper chlorophyllin	Additive (coloring)
Sodium saccharin	Additive (sweetener)
Sorbic acid	Additive (preservatives)
Sucralose	Additive (sweetener)
Sulfadimidine	Veterinary drug (synthetic antibacterial agent)
Sulfur dioxide	Additives (antioxidants, bleaching agents, preservatives)
TBHQ (tert-butylhydroquinone)	Undesignated additive (antioxidant)
Tebuconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Tebufenpyrad	Agricultural chemical (pyrazole class insecticide)
Term	Description
Thiamethoxam	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid insecticide)
Tolfenpyrad	Agricultural chemical (pyrazole class insecticide)
Triadimenol	Agricultural chemical (fungicide)
Triazophos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Tricyclazole	Agricultural chemical (benzothiazole herbicide)
<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.)