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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 2024 amounted to approximately 31.91 million tons across approximately 2.47 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.

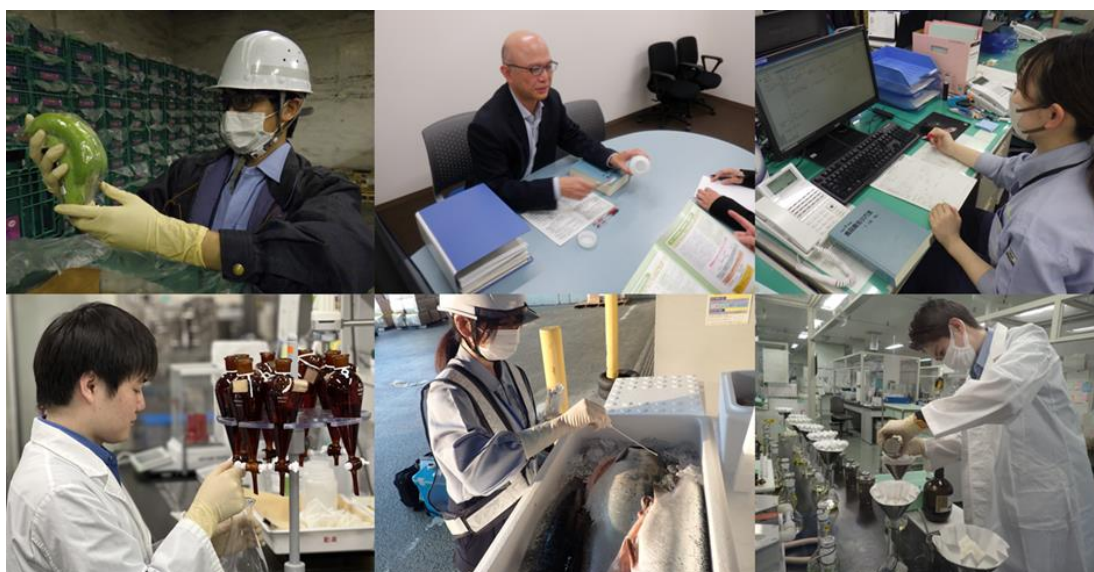
Under such conditions, in order to ensure the safety of foods imported into Japan (hereinafter, "imported foods"), on March 25, 2024, the government established the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for 2024 (hereinafter, "the Plan"). The Plan is based on the Guidelines for Monitoring and Guidance 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 2024

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 2024 Plan: 100,224 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.

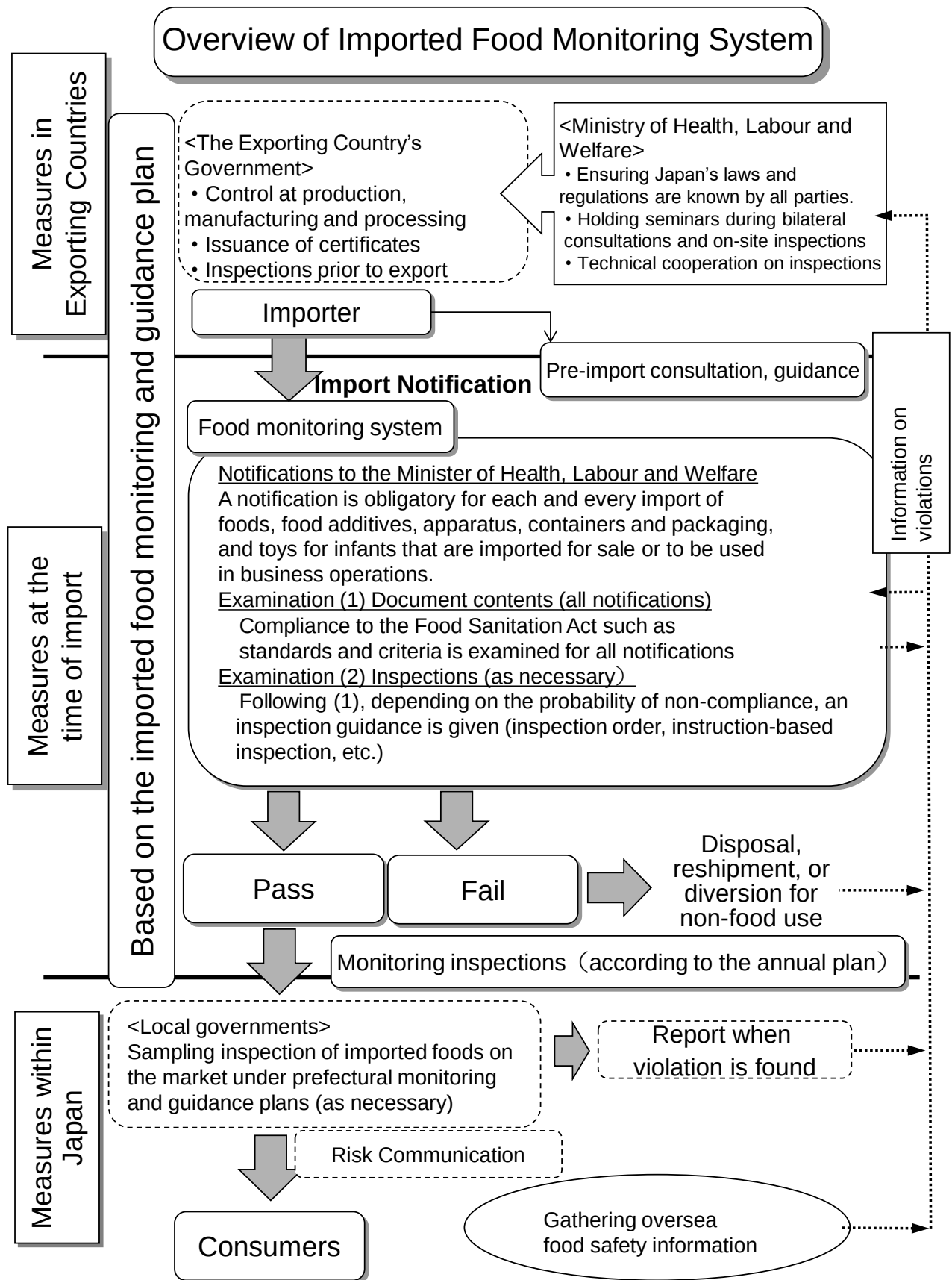
*3: Measures whereby the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare prohibits sale or import of specific foods without requiring an inspection, in cases where it is deemed necessary to prevent harm.

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 2024

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 2024 was 2,466,004 cases, and the total weight of notified items was approximately 31.91 million tonnes. Among these import notifications, inspections were carried out on 206,227 cases, of which 731 cases (running total of 777 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 2024, monitoring inspections were conducted for 48,050 cases (running total of 100,982 cases compared to the planned 100,224 cases (implementation rate: approximately 101%)), and of which, 127 cases (running total of 127 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).



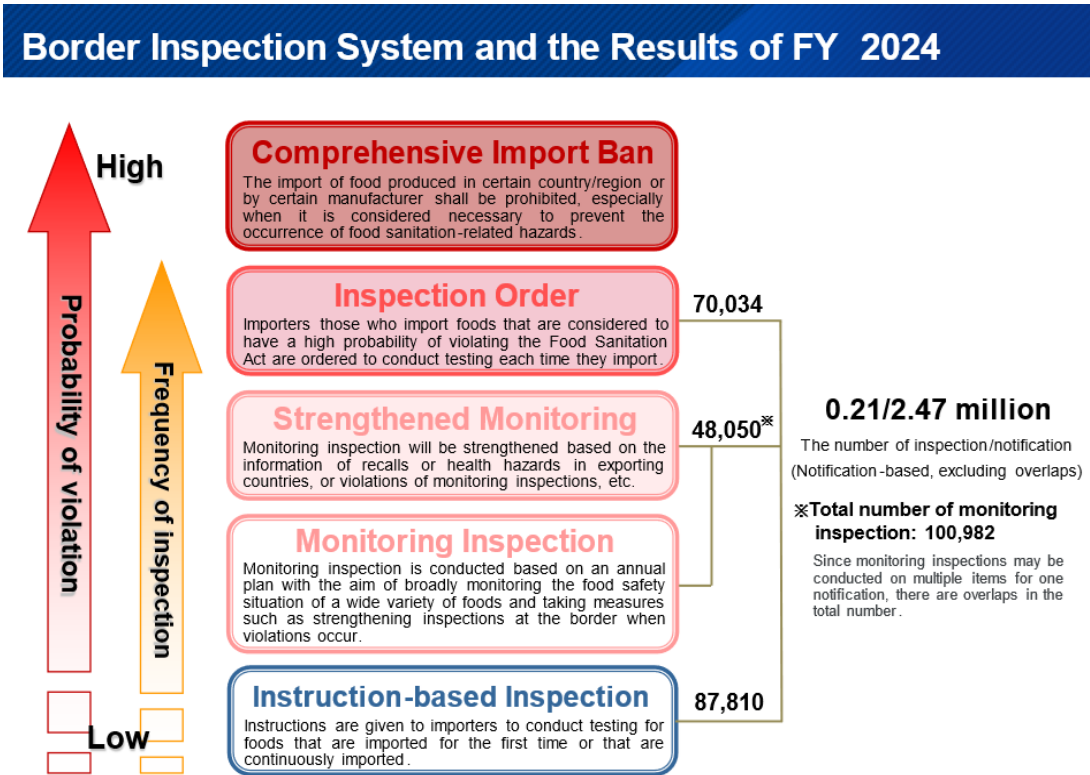
Sampling at a warehouse

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 10,669 cases in FY 2024, out of which no violation was found.

(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, 2025, 15 items from all exporting countries, and 114 items from 42 countries and regions were subject to ordered inspections. The inspections have been

carried out for 70,034 cases (running total of 93,335 cases) in FY 2024, 198 cases of which (running total of 201 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, 477 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), 193 cases violated Article 6 (e.g., contamination with harmful or toxic substances such as aflatoxin), 43 cases violated Article 12 (use of undesignated additives), 21 cases violated Article 18 (standards for apparatus, containers and packaging), 2 cases violated Article 10 (non-attachment of health certificates for meat) ([Table 7](#)).

Breaking down violations by inspection type, violations of standards on agricultural chemical residues in 169 cases (23.1%) ([Table 8-1](#)), violations relating to presence of harmful or toxic substances and contamination with pathogenic microbes in 141 cases (19.3%) ([Table 8-2](#)), violations of microbiological criteria were found in 141 cases (19.3%) ([Table 8-3](#)), violations relating to the use of undesignated additives and violations of standards for use of additives in 140 cases (19.2%) ([Table 8-4](#)), violations relating to decay and deterioration (e.g., unpleasant smell or mold) in 57 cases (7.8%) ([Table 8-5](#)), violations on standards of apparatus, containers and packaging in 21 cases (2.9%) ([Table 8-6](#)), violations of standards on veterinary drug residues in 16 cases (2.2%) ([Table 8-7](#)), and other violations in 50 cases (6.8%) ([Table 8-8](#)).

1. Violations of standards on agricultural chemical residues (Table 8-1)

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by People's Republic of China with a running total of 68 cases (37.8%), followed by Ghana with 21 cases (11.7%), and Viet Nam with 15 cases (8.3%). The agricultural chemicals most frequently responsible for violation in these cases included Mepiquat-chloride in carrot from People's Republic of China, Deltamethrin and tralomethrin in cacao bean from Ghana, Permethrin in banana and Etoxazole in red pepper from Viet Nam. The rankings by product were topped by carrot with 29 cases (16.1%), followed by cacao bean with 26 cases (14.4%), and sesame seed with 14 cases (7.8%).

2. Violations relating to presence of harmful or toxic substances and contamination with pathogenic microbes (Table 8-2)

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by the USA with 56 cases (39.4%), followed by People's Republic of China with 34 cases (23.9%), Iran, Nigeria and Nepal with 6 cases (4.2%). Many of these violation cases included contamination with aflatoxin in almonds from the USA, contamination with aflatoxin in peanuts from People's Republic of China, contamination with aflatoxin in pistachio from Iran, contamination with aflatoxin in sesame seed from Nigeria and contamination with aflatoxin in mix spice from Nepal. The contaminant most frequently responsible for violations was aflatoxin found in 130 cases (91.5%), followed by cyanide in 7 cases (4.9%), and *Listeria monocytogenes* in 3 cases (2.1%).

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

By country, the rankings were topped by People's Republic of China with a running total of 40 cases (25.8%), followed by Viet Nam with 39 cases (25.2%), and Republic of

Korea with 15 cases (9.7%). Many violations were related with microbiological indicators for contamination (bacterial count, coliforms, and E. coli) for frozen food and there were 104 cases (67.1%).

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 People's Republic of China with a running total of 32 cases (21.1%), followed by Nepal with 25 cases (16.4%), and Republic of Korea with 10 cases (6.6%). Many of these violation cases included the ineligible use of additives such as Sulfur dioxide in products from People's Republic of China, Sodium benzoate in products from Nepal and Polysorbate in products from Republic of Korea.

The undesignated additives most frequently responsible for violations were Cyclamic acid found in 12 cases (27.3%), followed by TBHQ in 9 cases (20.5%), and Azorubine in 7 cases (15.9%). The food additives of which the standards for use were responsible for violations frequently were Sulfur dioxide in 29 cases (26.9%), followed by Sodium benzoate found in 22 cases (20.4%), and Sorbic acid in 16 cases (14.8%).

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 the USA with 25 cases (43.9%), followed by Thailand with 22 cases (38.6%), and Canada with 5 cases (8.8%). Many of the products in these cases were rice and peanuts from the USA, rice in all the cases from Thailand, and wheat from Canada. The rankings by product were topped by rice with 42 cases (73.7%), followed by wheat with 6 cases (10.5%), and peanuts with 6 cases (10.5%).

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 People's Republic of China with 16 cases (66.7%), followed by Italy with 3 cases (12.5%), and the USA with 3 cases (12.5%). The material responsible for violations most frequently was synthetic resin in the cases from People's Republic of China, synthetic resin in all the cases from Italy, and rubber in all the cases in the USA.

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 Viet Nam with 8 cases (50.0%), followed by India with 4 cases (25.0%). Of these violation cases, most frequently cases from Viet Nam were due to Enrofloxacin and 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 24 cases, violation of manufacturing standards for retort pouched food with 5 cases, non-attachment of health certificate with 2 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 2024, 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 2024, on the basis of information on contamination with pieces of metal in crocodile meat from Australia, and contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes* in natural cheese from France, 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 2024, regarding aflatoxin from the USA almonds, on-site inspections were conducted, and it was agreed to introduce an export program to Japan aimed at improving sanitary management concerning aflatoxins.

Additionally, as measures against Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), compliance with the Export Verification Program (EVP) for beef and related products, as well as the status of segregation management at facilities scheduled to be certified for export of processed beef products to Japan, was confirmed through on-site inspections.

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 2024, a total of 90 seminars were held for training courses and workshops by quarantine stations and related organizations, to which a total of 4,419 people participated.

Additionally, pre-import guidance (import consultation) was given for 21,654 cases, of which 477 cases (running total of 633 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 304 cases, followed by Article 12 with 228 cases, Article 10 with 5 cases, Article 6 with 2 cases ([Table 12](#)).

The rankings of non-compliance cases by country were topped by People's Republic of China with 120 cases (19.0%), followed by Republic of Korea with 99 cases (15.6%), and France with 59 cases (9.3%) ([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 2.20%, 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 February 2025 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 (FY2024)

Notifications (cases)	Imported Weight (thousand tonnes)	Inspections *1 (cases)	Proportion *2 (%)	Violations (cases)	Proportion (%)
2,466,004	3,191	206,227 (70,034) ^{*4}	8.4	731 ^{*3} (201) ^{*4}	0.03 ^{*2} (0.29) ^{*4}
(FY2023)					
2,350,033	2,987	199,272	8.5	763	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 777.

*4 Number of inspection orders.

Table 2 - Implementation of Monitoring Inspections (FY 2024)

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.	2,148	2,180	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	2,148	1,951	0
	Additives	238	338	0
	Pathogenic microbes	717	688	0
	Standards, etc.	685	576	0
	Radiation irradiation	29	29	0
	Removal of SRMs	-	714	2
Processed Livestock Foods Natural cheese, meat products, ice cream, frozen food (meat), etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	1,756	1,814	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,727	2,001	0
	Additives	1,127	1,567	0
	Pathogenic microbes	3,703	3,807	0
	Standards, etc.	1,877	2,158	2
	Mycotoxins	—	5	0
	Radiation irradiation	—	2	0
Fishery Foods Bivalves, fish, crustacea (shrimps, crabs, etc.) , etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,266	2,266	3
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,368	1,900	0
	Additives	297	299	0
	Pathogenic microbes	1,194	1,726	0
	Standards, etc.	414	411	0
	Genetically modified food	59	53	0
	Radiation irradiation	64	54	0
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.	4,053	4,479	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	3,243	4,328	0
	Additives	1,624	2,640	1
	Pathogenic microbes	5,076	5,344	0
	Standards, etc.	4,386	4,385	14
	Mycotoxins	—	5	0
	Genetically modified food	—	—	0
Agricultural Foods Vegetables, fruit, wheat, corn, beans, peanuts, nuts, seeds, etc.	Radiation irradiation	—	26	0
	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,379	3,288	1
	Residual agricultural chemicals	10,117	9,525	48
	Additives	983	1,011	0
	Pathogenic microbes	2,032	2,595	0
	Standards, etc.	205	280	1
	Mycotoxins	2,087	2,161	10
Processed Agricultural Foods Frozen foods (vegetables), processed vegetable products, processed fruit products, spices, instant noodles etc.	Genetically modified food	383	339	0
	Radiation irradiation	119	164	0
	Antibacterial substances, etc.	299	582	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	6,561	7,797	10
	Additives	4,252	5,761	1
	Pathogenic microbes	2,689	2,746	0
	Standards, etc.	2,888	3,563	14
Other Foods Health foods, soups, seasoning, confectionary, cooking oil and fat, frozen food, etc.	Mycotoxins	3,404	3,338	5
	Genetically modified food	510	516	0
	Radiation irradiation	458	431	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	955	1,366	0
	Additives	3,224	3,566	6
	Pathogenic microbes	—	3	0
	Standards, etc.	897	710	1
Beverages Mineral waters, soft drinks, alcohol drinks, etc.	Mycotoxins	1,794	1,668	2
	Genetically modified food	—	23	0
	Radiation irradiation	—	10	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	238	298	0
Additives Apparatus, Containers and Packaging Toys for infants	Additives	1,045	1,238	1
	Standards, etc.	926	726	3
	Mycotoxins	118	107	0
Total (gross)		100,224 ^{*2}	100,982 ^{*3} <u>Implementation rate of 101%</u>	127 ^{*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* 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 48,050 cases. Number of violations by notification is 127.

Table 3 - Items Subject to Enhanced Monitoring Inspections in FY 2024^{*1}

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
People's Republic of China	Red hot pepper	2,4-D
		Propiconazole
	Asparagus	Isoprocab (MIPC)
		Haloxypop
		Fenprothrin
		Profenofos
		Prometryn
	Strawberry	Bupirimate
	Green soybeans	Difenoconazole
	Wood ears	Imidacloprid
		Chlorpyrifos
		Chlorfenapyr
	Soup celery	Tebuconazole
	Taro	Chlorpyrifos
	Perilla	Acetamiprid
		Atrazine
	Buckwheat	Aflatoxin
	Carrot	Triadimenol
		Flusilazole
	Garlic	Thiamethoxam
	Garlic sprouts	Procymidone
	Welsh onion	Atrazine
		Cyfluthrin
		Thiamethoxam
	Leaf garlic	Procymidone
	Oyster mushroom (<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i>)	Procymidone
	Porcini	Permethrin
	Immature peas	Diniconazole
		Hexaconazole
	Bayberry	4-CPA
		Difenoconazole
	Cultured eel	Enrofloxacin
	Lychees	Isocarbophos
	Lemon	Myclobutanil
Viet Nam	Red hot pepper	Acephate
		Cyproconazole
	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>	Isocarbophos
		Etoazole
		Propiconazole
	<i>Limnophila aromatica</i>	Isoprothiolane
		Iprobenfos
		Tricyclazole
		Hexaconazole
		Lufenuron
	Centella	Tolfenpyrad

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
Viet Nam	Passion fruit	Cypermethrin
		Pyraclostrobin
	Banana	Acetamiprid
		Imidacloprid
		Pyraclostrobin
		Permethrin
	Melon	Chlorfenapyr
	Lime	Profenofos
India	Cashew nut	Chlorpyrifos
	Curry Leaves	Phenthoate
	Cassia tora	Aflatoxin
	Small peanuts	Chlorpyrifos
	Corn	Aflatoxin
	Cultured shrimp	Malachite green
Thailand	Acacia	Indoxacarb
		Diflubenzuron
	Leech lime leaf	Triazophos
	Pandanus palm leaf	Cypermethrin
	Mango	Difenoconazole
	Immature peas	Diniconazole
		Propiconazole
	Mung bean	Thiamethoxam
Republic of Korea	Red hot pepper	Propiconazole
	Perilla	Paclobutrazol
	Cultured olive flounder	Benzylpenicillin
	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
Italy	Endive	Etofenprox
	Corn	Aflatoxin
	Porcini	Permethrin
Australia	Truffle	Aldrin and Dieldrin
		Heptachlor
	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
Chile	Blueberry	Indoxacarb
		Fludioxonil
Argentina	Kidney beans	2,4-D
		Aflatoxin
Cambodia	Banana	Dinotefuran
		Pyraclostrobin
USA	Chicken	Lasalocid
	Chickpea	Piperonyl butoxide
Honduras	Melon	Azoxystrobin
		Difenoconazole

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
Mexico	Avocado	Boscalid
	Blueberry	Flonicamid
Iran	Pistachio nut	Chlorpyrifos
Indonesia	Coffee beans	Isoprocarb (MIPC)
Ecuador	Cacao beans	Diuron
Netherlands	Strawberry	Bupirimate
Ghana	Cacao beans	Deltamethrin and tralomethrin
Kazakhstan	Lentil beans	2,4-D
Canada	Lentil beans	2,4-D
Colombia	Coffee beans	2,4-D
Sri Lanka	Boiled octopus	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> ^{*2}
Nigeria	Sesame seeds	Imidacloprid
Nepal	Buckwheat	Aflatoxin
Pakistan	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin
Bangladesh	Non-glutinous rice	Chlorpyrifos
Philippines	Banana	Oxytetracycline
Brazil	Kidney beans	Aflatoxin
France	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
Peru	Immature peas	Trifloxystrobin
Bolivia	Sesame seeds	Haloxypop
South Africa	Apple juice and Apple juice concentrate	Patulin
Myanmar	Red hot pepper	Triazophos
Romania	Porcini	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 2024).

Table 4 - Items Transferred to Inspection Order after Enhanced Monitoring Inspections in FY 2024

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
India	Okra	Chlorpyrifos
		Tebuconazole
	Curry Leaves	Ethion
		Profenofos
Thailand	Acacia	Triazophos
	Leech lime leaf	Profenofos
Indonesia	Coffee beans	2,4-D
People's Republic of China	Rape flower	Tebuconazole
Chile	Blueberry	Tebuconazole
Viet Nam	Red pepper	Etoxazole

Table 5 - Items Immediately Transferred to Inspection Order in FY 2024

Country/Region	Subject items	Inspected Substances
People's Republic of China	Foods containing almond or peanut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing red pepper, chinese pepper or peanut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Dried goji berries	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing soybean (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing lotus seed (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods (manufacturer limited)	Cyclamic acid
Nepal	Foods containing red pepper, nutmeg, chickpea or peanut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing turmeric, chickpea or peanut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing red pepper, turmeric, nutmeg or fenugreek (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Viet Nam	Foods containing almond or walnut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing red pepper or corn (other than sweet corn) (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods (manufacturer limited)	Cyclamic acid
India	Foods containing red pepper, turmeric, chickpea or peanut (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
	Foods containing sunflower seed (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Iran	Foods containing dried fig or dried apple (manufacturer limited)	Aflatoxin
Nigeria	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin
Niger	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin
Burkina Faso	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin

Table 6 - Major Items Subject to Ordered Inspections and Inspection Results (FY 2024)

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	11,448	97
	Manioc, Beans containing cyanide	Cyanide	366	1
	Salted salmon roe	Nitrite	87	0
	Pufferfish	Identification of fish species	1	0
People's Republic of China (25 items)	Threeleaf arrowhead (<i>Sagittaria trifolia</i>), Buckwheat, Onion, Carrot, Broccoli, Spinach, Rape flower	Agricultural chemicals (Endrin, Chlorpyrifos, Dimethomorph, Thiamethoxam, Tebuconazole, Paclobutrazol, Haloxypop, Procymidone, Mepiquat-chloride)	37,628	50
	Bivalves	Diarrhetic shellfish poison, Paralytic shellfish poison	8,175	0
	Buckwheat, Sunflower seeds, Dried goji berries	Aflatoxin	457	1
	Soft-shelled turtle, Cultured eel	Enrofloxacin, Oxolinic acid, Sulfadimidine	979	0
	Processed foods	Cyclamic acid	1,159	1
Viet Nam (17 items)	Shrimp, Frog, Filefish, Spiny eel	Veterinary drug residues etc. (Enrofloxacin, Chloramphenicol, Doxycycline, Furazolidone)	19,274	9
	Red peppers, Calamansi, <i>Capsicum frutescens</i> , Durian, Carrot, Lychees	Agricultural chemicals (Etoxazole, Tricyclazole, Procymidone, Propiconazole, Profenofos, Hexaconazole)	470	2
	Processed foods	Aflatoxin	17	0
	Processed foods	Cyclamic acid	52	0
India (14 items)	Cultured shrimp	Furazolidone	1,677	3
	Okra, Cashew nut, Black tea, Chickpea	Agricultural chemicals (Chlorpyrifos, Tebuconazole, Hexaconazole)	345	4
	Pearl millet (<i>Pennisetum glaucum</i>), Buckwheat	Aflatoxin	19	0
Thailand (12 items)	Acacia, Red shallot, Okra, Green asparagus, Durian, Banana, Mango, Mangosteen	Agricultural chemicals (EPN, Imazalil, Chlorpyrifos, Cypermethrin, Triazophos, Haloxypop, Procymidone, Propiconazole)	930	0
Republic of Korea (11 items)	Bivalves	Diarrhetic shellfish poison, Paralytic shellfish poison	3,021	0
	Green pepper, Tomato, Oriental melon	Agricultural chemicals (Chlorfenapyr, Fluquinconazole, Hexaconazole)	158	1
	Cultured olive flounder	Veterinary drug residues etc. (Enrofloxacin, Oxytetracycline)	12	0
Italy (10 items)	Corn, Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	286	0
	Natural cheese	Listeria monocytogenes	19	0
USA (10 items)	Dried dates, Corn, Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	3,816	5
Taiwan (5 items)	Oolong tea	Carbaryl	597	4
	Processed foods	Aflatoxin	28	0
Philippines (5 items)	Banana, Mango	Chlorpyrifos, Fipronil, Phenthoate	308	0
	Tuna fillet for raw consumption	Salmonella spp.	122	0
Nepal (5 items)	Processed foods	Aflatoxin	13	0
Other (33 countries and regions; total of 48 items)			1,871	23
Total			(Gross) ^{*1} (Actual) ^{*2}	93,335 201 70,034 198

*1 Number of inspection cases by inspected substance

*2 Number of inspection cases by notification

Table 7 - Violations by Legal Provision (FY 2024)

Provision violated	Violations (cases)	Proportion*3	Major Violation Details
Article 6 (Foods and additives prohibited to distribute)	194 (Gross) 193 (Actual)	25.0%	Contamination of aflatoxin to almond, corn, pistachio nut, peanut, detection of cyanide compounds from apricot seed, detection of methanol from spirits, decay or spoilage due to accidents during the transport of rice, wheat, rapeseed, peanut, etc.
Article 10 (Prohibition for distribution, etc. of meat from diseased animal)	2 (Gross) 2 (Actual)	0.3%	Non-attachment of health certificate
Article 12 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of additives, etc.)	45 (Gross) 43 (Actual)	5.8%	Use of undesigned additives (Magnesium L-threonate, TBHQ, Azorubine, Alcohol dehydrogenase, Isooctane, Orange II, Cyclamic acid, Triethylamine, Patent Blue V, Iron fumarate, Ammonium molybdate, Iodized salt, Sodium aluminum sulfate)
Article 13 (Standards and criteria for foods and additives)	512 (Gross) 477 (Actual)	65.9%	Violations of standards for vegetables and processed products (agricultural chemicals residue exceeding the standards, E. coli 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 (Sodium benzoate, 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)	24 (Gross) 21 (Actual)	3.1%	Violations of material standards
Article 68 (Mutatis mutandis application for toys for infants)	0 (Gross) 0 (Actual)	0.0%	Violations of standards for toys for infants
Total	(Gross)*1 (Actual)*2	777 731	

*1 Number of inspection cases by inspected substance

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

*3 Composition ratios by gross numbers

Table 8-1 - Violations of Standards on Agricultural Chemical Residues (FY 2024)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details				Cases*1
		Standard Value		The Uniform Limit (0.01ppm)		
People's Republic of China	Carrot			Mepiquat-chloride	23	68
				Dimethomorph	5	
	Broccoli			Procymidone	11	
	Onion	Thiamethoxam	6			
	Rape flower			Tebuconazole	6	
	Welsh onion	Thiamethoxam	3	Cyfluthrin	1	
		Atrazine	1			
	Asparagus			Isoprocarb (MIPC)	1	
				Prometryn	1	
	Strawberry			Bupirimate	1	
	Soup celery			Tebuconazole	1	
	Taro			Chlorpyrifos	1	
	Buckwheat			Haloxypop	1	
	Garlic			Thiamethoxam	1	
	Leaf garlic			Procymidone	1	
	Oyster mushroom (Pleurotus ostreatus)			Procymidone	1	
	Porcini			Permethrin	1	
	Bayberry			Difenoconazole	1	
	Lemon			Myclobutanil	1	
Ghana	Cacao beans			Deltamethrin and tralomethrin	21	21
Viet Nam	Banana	Pyraclostrobin	1	Permethrin	2	15
				Acetamiprid	1	
	Red pepper			Etoxazole	2	
				Cyproconazole	1	
	Capsicum frutescens			Isocarbophos	1	
				Etoxazole	1	
	Lime leaf			Paclobutrazol	1	
				Propiconazole	1	
	Durian			Procymidone	1	
	Carrot			Hexaconazole	1	
Passion fruit			Pyraclostrobin	1		
Lychees			Tricyclazole	1		
India	Curry Leaves	Ethion	2	Profenofos	5	12
				Phenthoate (PAP)	1	
	Chickpea			Chlorpyrifos	3	
	Okra			Tebuconazole	1	
Mozambique	Sesame seeds	Thiamethoxam	6	Carbaryl (NAC)	5	11
Thailand	Leech lime leaf			Profenofos	4	7
	Acacia			Indoxacarb	1	
				Triazophos	1	
	Mango	Difenoconazole	1			
Ecuador	Cacao beans	Diuron (DCMU)	1	2,4-D	4	5
Indonesia	Coffee beans			2,4-D	3	4
				Isoprocarb (MIPC)	1	
Cote d'Ivoire	Coffee beans			2,4-D	4	4
Taiwan	Oolong tea			Carbaryl (NAC)	4	4
Italy	Porcini			Permethrin	2	3
	Endive			Etofenprox	1	
Cambodia	Banana	Pyraclostrobin	1	Dinotefuran	2	

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details				Cases ^{*1}
		Standard Value		The Uniform Limit (0.01ppm)		
Chile	Blueberry			Tebuconazole	3	3
Venezuela	Coffee beans			2,4-D	3	3
Myanmar	Red pepper			Triazophos	2	3
	Mung bean	Thiamethoxam	1			
Republic of Korea	Green pepper			Hexaconazole	1	2
	Red pepper			Propiconazole	1	
Mexico	Avocado			Boscalid	1	2
	Blueberry			Flonicamid	1	
Australia	Truffle			Heptachlor	1	1
Netherlands	Strawberry			Bupirimate	1	1
Kazakhstan	Lentil beans			2,4-D	1	1
Canada	Lentil beans			2,4-D	1	1
Tanzania	Sesame seeds	Imidacloprid	1			1
Nigeria	Sesame seeds	Imidacloprid	1			1
Philippines	Banana	Oxytetracycline	1			1
France	Lentil beans	Piperonyl butoxide	1			1
Peru	Immature peas			Trifloxystrobin	1	1
Bolivia	Sesame seeds			Haloxypop	1	1
Total					(Gross) ^{*1}	180
					(Actual) ^{*2}	169

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-2 - Violations Relating to Presence of Harmful or Toxic Substances and Contamination with Pathogenic Microbes (FY 2024)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
USA	Almond	Aflatoxin	38	56
	Peanut	Aflatoxin	8	
	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	5	
	Corn	Aflatoxin	3	
	Dried dates	Aflatoxin	2	
People's Republic of China	Peanut	Aflatoxin	26	34
	Processed seed and nut product	Cyanide	3	
	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	1	
	Dried goji berries	Aflatoxin	1	
	Processed bean product	Aflatoxin	1	
	Mixed spices	Aflatoxin	1	
	Retort pouched food (Nuts and seeds)	Aflatoxin	1	
Iran	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	3	6
	Dried fig	Aflatoxin	2	
	Dried fruit	Aflatoxin	1	
Nigeria	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin	6	6
Nepal	Mixed spices	Aflatoxin	3	6
	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	2	
	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxin	1	
Italy	Natural cheese	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	2	4
	Processed seed and nut product	Aflatoxin	1	
	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxin	1	
Türkiye	Dried fig	Aflatoxin	3	4
	Confectionery	Aflatoxin	1	
India	Health food	Aflatoxin	1	3
	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxin	1	
	Peanut	Aflatoxin	1	
Indonesia	Seasoning	Aflatoxin	1	3
	Nutmeg (spice)	Aflatoxin	1	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Cyanide	1	
Burkina Faso	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin	3	3
Spain	Dried fig	Aflatoxin	1	2
	Unheated meat product	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	1	
Sri Lanka	Non-glutinous rice	Aflatoxin	1	2
	Boiled octopus	<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	1	
Brazil	Peanut	Aflatoxin	2	2
Viet Nam	Processed grain product	Aflatoxin	1	2
	Mixed nuts	Aflatoxin	1	
Afghanistan	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	1	1
Argentina	Peanut	Aflatoxin	1	1
Australia	Processed grain product	Cyanide	1	1
Thailand	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxin	1	1
Taiwan	Processed bean product	Cyanide	1	1
Tanzania	Peanut	Aflatoxin	1	1

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
Niger	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin	1	1
Myanmar	Butter beans	Cyanide	1	1
Mexico	Spirits	Methanol	1	1
Total			(Gross) ^{*1}	142
			(Actual) ^{*2}	141

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-3 - Violations of Microbiological Criteria (FY2024)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases*1	Total
People's Republic of China	Frozen food (vegetables)	E. coli	3	40
		Coliform bacteria	3	
		Bacterial count	2	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	4	
		E. coli	1	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Fish cake	Coliform bacteria	5	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Bacterial count	2	
		Coliform bacteria	2	
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	4	
	Frozen food (grains)	Bacterial count	2	
		E. coli	1	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (beans)	Bacterial count	2	
	Heat processed meat products	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	1	
Viet Nam	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria	8	39
		Bacterial count	2	
		E. coli	1	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	6	
		Bacterial count	3	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	2	
		Coliform bacteria	2	
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	4	
	Frozen food (fish)	E. coli	2	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Fish cake	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	E. coli	2	
	Frozen food (other agricultural food)	E. coli	1	
		Bacterial count	1	
Republic of Korea	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Coliform bacteria	6	15
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	3	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Powdered soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	1	
		Bacterial count	1	

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
Indonesia	Powdered soft drink	Coliform bacteria	3	11
		Bacterial count	2	
	Fish cake	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Boiled crab	Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (fruits)	Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (beans)	E. coli	1	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Taiwan	Flavoured Ice	Coliform bacteria	1	9
		Bacterial count	1	
	Fish cake	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Powdered soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Thailand	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	3	7
	Fish cake	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Bacterial count	1	
Philippines	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	3	6
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Italy	Dairy product	Coliform bacteria	2	4
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	2	
India	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	3	4
	Frozen food (vegetables)	E. coli	1	
Bangladesh	Frozen food (other food product)	E. coli	2	4
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (grains)	E. coli	1	
France	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	2	3
	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count	1	
USA	Powdered soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	3
		Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Bacterial count	1	
Spain	Dried meat product	E. coli	1	2
	Frozen food (other food product)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Estonia	Soft drink	Bacterial count	1	1
Australia	Ice cream	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Chile	Frozen food (vegetables)	E. coli	1	1
Türkiye	Frozen food (vegetables)	Bacterial count	1	1
Hungary	Frozen food (grains)	E. coli	1	1

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
Belgium	Frozen food (vegetables)	E. coli	1	1
Malaysia	Frozen food (other food product)	E. coli	1	1
Mexico	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Total			(Gross) ^{*1}	155
			(Actual) ^{*2}	141

*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 2024)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases ¹	Total
People's Republic of China	Processed fruit product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	6	32
		Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	2	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Alcohol dehydrogenase	1	
			Ammonium molybdate	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Retort pouched food	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	2	
			TBHQ	1	
	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	2	
	Oak leaf	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	2	
	Soft drink	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	2	
	Processed bean product	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Boiled vegetables	Violation of standards for use of additives	Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
	Dried gourd strips	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Candies	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Instant noodles	Violation of standards for use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	
	Pickled vegetables	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sucralose	1	
	Sugar	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
	Processed vegetable product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
Nepal	Processed vegetable product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium benzoate	12	25
	Processed fruit product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium benzoate	7	
		Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	2	
	Processed grain product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Processed agricultural product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
Republic of Korea	Confectionery	Violation of standards for use of additives	Propylene glycol	2	10
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sucralose	1	
	Health food	Violation of standards for use of additives	Propylene glycol	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	2	
	Processed fish product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	
	Other foods	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
Hong Kong	Alcoholic beverages	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	5	10
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	3	
	Processed seed and nut product	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Food Yellow No. 4	1	
Viet Nam	Instant noodles	Violation of standards for use of additives	Acesulfame Potassium	3	9
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Acesulfame Potassium	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	Orange II	1	

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases ^{*1}	Total
Viet Nam	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	9
	Dried fruit	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
Philippines	Processed grain product	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium aluminum sulfate	2	8
			Azorubine	1	
	Processed fruit product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	2	
	Biscuit	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	2	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
Pakistan	Noodles	Violation of standards for use of additives	Food Blue No. 1	1	7
			Food Yellow No. 4	1	
			Food Yellow No. 5	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	
	Sugar	Violation of standards for use of additives	Benzoic acid	3	
Thailand	Processed fruit product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	3	5
	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Soft drink	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
Brazil	Soup	Use of undesignated additives	Ferrous fumarate	1	5
			Iodized salt	1	
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Use of undesignated additives	Ferrous fumarate	
	Mixed spices	Use of undesignated additives	Ferrous fumarate	1	
Taiwan	Processed fruit product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	4
	Confectionery	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
	Other foods	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	
Türkiye	Noodles	Violation of standards for use of additives	Food Yellow No. 4	2	4
	Processed fruit product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Dried fruit	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
New Zealand	Fats and oils	Use of undesignated additives	Isooctane	1	4
			Triethylamine	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Isopropanol	1	
			Hexane	1	
India	Biscuit	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	3
	Processed bean product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
United Kingdom	Candies	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	3
	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Pork	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
Canada	Alcoholic beverages	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	3	3
Cambodia	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	3
			Sorbic acid	1	
	Soup	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
Italy	Alcoholic beverages	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	2
	Other foods	Violation of standards for use of additives	Copper chlorophyll	1	
Spain	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Patent Blue V	2	2
Bangladesh	Instant noodles	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	2
Finland	Alcoholic beverages	Violation of standards for use of additives	Ester gum	2	2
France	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	2	2
Malaysia	Sugar	Violation of standards for use of additives	Benzoic acid	1	2
	Fats and oils	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
Ecuador	Shrimp	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	1
Netherlands	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	1
Costa Rica	Chocolate	Violation of standards for use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	1
USA	Soft drink	Violation of standards for use of additives	Benzoic acid	1	1
Latvia	Alcoholic beverages	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	1
Total	(Gross) ^{*1}		Use of undesignated additives	44	143
			Violation of standards for use of additives	108	
	(Actual) ^{*2}		Use of undesignated additives	42	140
			Violation of standards for use of additives		

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification (three violation cases belong 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 2024)

Country/Region	Item Category	Cases	Total
USA	Rice	15	25
	Peanut	6	
	Wheat	3	
	Barley	1	
Thailand	Rice	22	22
Canada	Wheat	3	5
	Soybean	1	
	Rapeseed	1	
Australia	Rice	4	4
Taiwan	Rice	1	1
Total			57

Table 8-6 - Violations of Standards on Apparatus, Containers and Packaging (FY 2024)

Country/Region	Material type	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
People's Republic of China	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	12	16
		Caprolactam	1	
		Lead	1	
	Rubber	Zinc	1	
		Phenol	1	
Italy	Synthetic resin	Caprolactam	2	3
		Evaporation residue	1	
USA	Rubber	Zinc	3	3
Indonesia	Synthetic resin	Potassium permanganate consumption	2	2
Total			(Gross) ^{*1}	24
			(Actual) ^{*2}	21

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-7 - Violations of Standards on Veterinary Drug Residues (FY 2024)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details						Cases* ¹
		Exceeding the standard values		Shall not contain		Shall not be detected		
Viet Nam	Shrimp			Enrofloxacin	3			8
				Doxycycline	3			
	Frog			Enrofloxacin	1	Furazolidone (as AOZ)	1	
India	Shrimp					Furazolidone (as AOZ)	4	4
Republic of Korea	Olive flounder	Oxytetracycline	2					3
	Shrimp			Enrofloxacin	1			
People's Republic of China	Eel			Enrofloxacin	1			1
(Gross)* ¹								16
(Actual)* ²								16

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-8 - Other Violations (FY 2024)

Country/Region	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases ^{*1}	Total
People's Republic of China	Food additive	Specifications	13	14
	Soup	Radiation irradiation	1	
Republic of Korea	Retort pouched food	Standards	5	6
	Soft drink	Standards	1	
India	Food additive	Specifications	3	4
	Instant noodles	Standards	1	
Spain	Mineral waters	Standards	2	4
	Dried meat product	Standards	1	
	Food additive	Specifications	1	
Philippines	Pickled vegetables	Detection of unauthorized genetically modified food	2	3
	Instant noodles	Standards	1	
USA	Soft drink	Standards	1	3
		Standards	1	
	Food additive	Specifications	1	
Italy	Mushroom	Radioactive substances	1	2
	Dairy product	Standards	1	
Thailand	Food additive	Specifications	1	2
	Flavoured Ice	Standards	1	
Germany	Salmon roe	Standards	1	2
	Food additive	Specifications	1	
Brazil	Food additive	Specifications	1	2
	Soup	Radiation irradiation	1	
Belgium	Processed fruit product	Radioactive substances	1	2
	Food additive	Specifications	1	
Poland	Beef tongue	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	2
	Food additive	Specifications	1	
Iran	Soft drink	Standards	1	1
Indonesia	Food additive	Specifications	1	1
Netherlands	Beef tongue	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	1
Sweden	Berry fruits	Radioactive substances	1	1
Lithuania	Chocolate	Radioactive substances	1	1
Romania	Mushroom	Radioactive substances	1	1
Total			(Gross) ^{*1}	52
			(Actual) ^{*2}	50

*1 Number of cases by violation

*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 9 - Major Enhanced Monitoring Based on Overseas Information (FY 2024)

Month of enhancement	Country/Region	Food Items and Risks	Background and Measures Taken
June	Australia	Crocodile meat (Possible contamination with pieces of metal)	Based on the information that pieces of metal was detected from the crocodile meat and that it was voluntarily recalled in Australia, measures such as reshipment were taken when an import notification of the recalled product was made.
August	France	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 France, measures such as reshipment were taken when an import notification of the recalled product was made.

Table10 - Major Bilateral Consultations and On-site Visit (FY 2024)

Item (subject of inspection order etc.)	Bilateral Consultations	Date of on-site inspection
Beef from Canada (BSE)	Following an on-site inspection in May 2024, it was confirmed that export programs for beef and its products were being adhered to at facilities designated for export to Japan.	May 2024
Almond from the USA (Aflatoxin)	Consultations began in November 2020. Measures were taken for aflatoxins by the Government of the USA. Therefore, as the result of an on-site inspection in September 2024, it was agreed to introduce an export program to Japan aimed at improving sanitary management regarding aflatoxins.	Sep 2024
Beef from the USA (BSE)	Following an on-site inspection in October 2024, it was confirmed that export programs for beef and its products were being adhered to at facilities designated for export to Japan.	Oct 2024
Beef from Ireland (BSE)	Following an on-site inspection in October 2024, it was confirmed that export programs for beef and its products were being adhered to at facilities designated for export to Japan. In addition, the status of segregation management at facilities scheduled to be certified for export of processed beef products to Japan, was confirmed.	Oct 2024
Green pepper from Republic of Korea (Pesticide Residue)	Based on the violation was discovered at the exporters registered in the Pesticide Residue Management Program (ID) during an inspection in June 2024, and on-site inspection was conducted to confirm the hygiene management status of green pepper farms regarding pesticide residues in Republic of Korea.	Oct 2024
Cultured olive flounder from Republic of Korea (Veterinary Drug Residues)	Based on the violation was discovered at the establishments registered in the Guidelines for Sanitation Management of Flounder for Export to Japan during an inspection in December 2023, and on-site inspection was conducted to confirm the hygiene management status of flounder farms regarding veterinary drug residues in Republic of Korea.	Oct 2024
Shrimp from Viet Nam (Veterinary Drug Residues)	Following an increase in shrimp violations in November 2024, and on-site inspection was conducted to confirm the hygiene management status of shrimp farms and seafood processing facilities regarding veterinary drug residues in Viet Nam.	Nov 2024

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

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Import consultations implemented	14,903	14,471	13,931	13,659	12,831
Import consultations on item-by-item basis	23,781	23,297	22,579	23,266	21,654
Violations on item-by-item basis	523	517	340	404	477 ^{*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 633.

Table 12 - Number of Violations in Pre-import Guidance (Import Consultation) by Provision (FY 2024)

Provision	Violations (cases)	Proportion (%)	Details of major violations
Article 6 (Foods and additives prohibited for distribution)	2 (Gross) 2 (Actual)	0.3%	Use of lupin bean
Article 10 (Prohibition for distribution, etc. of meat from diseased animal)	5 (Gross) 5 (Actual)	0.8%	Non-attachment of health certificate
Article 12 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of additives, etc.)	270 (Gross) 228 (Actual)	42.7%	Use of undesignated additives (DDT, Azorubine, Amidated pectin, Potassium Sulfite, Carboxymethyl cellulose, Magnesium citrate, potassium aluminium silicate, Zinc oxide, Dimethyl ether, Nicotinamide riboside kinase, Phytonadione, Heptachlor, Potassium iodate, Iodized salt, Sodium aluminum sulfate, Manganese sulfate, etc.)
Article 13 (Standards and criteria for foods and additives)	356 (Gross) 304 (Actual)	56.2%	Ineligible use of Potassium sorbate in soft drinks and seasoning, Ineligible use of Sodium benzoate in seasoning, Ineligible use of copper chlorophyllin in health food Excessive use of Acesulfame Potassium and Sucralose in soft drinks, Non-compliance with the manufacturing standard (sterilization condition) of soft drinks, etc.
Article 18 (Standards and criteria for apparatus, containers and packaging)	0 (Gross) 0 (Actual)	0.0%	-
Total	(Gross) ^{*1} 633 (Actual) ^{*2} 477		

*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 2024)

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
People's Republic of China	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	BHA	1	120
			BHT	1	
			Sodium benzoate	6	
			Potassium sorbate	9	
			Nisin	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sucralose	2	
			Polysorbate60	1	
		Non-compliance with Specifications of Additive	Spice extracts (definition)	2	
		Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium aluminium silicate	
	Caprylic/Capric Triglyceride			1	
	Ineligible use of additives		Iron Sesquioxide	2	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	5-Methyltetrahydrofolate	1	
			Egt2 enzyme	1	
			Magnesium L-threonate	1	
			Zinc Glycinate	1	
			Diethyl ether	1	
			Nicotinamide riboside kinase	4	
			Purine Nucleoside Phosphorylase	1	
			Menaquinone-7	1	
			Molybdate	1	
			Magnesium malate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Acetone	1	
			Nisin	1	
		Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Dimethyl ether	
	Magnesium malate			1	
	Ineligible use of additives		Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	2	
			Potassium hydrogen carbonate	1	
	Other foods	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	3	
			Sodium Dehydroacetate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Aluminium chloride	1	
			Magnesium orotate	1	
			Zinc oxide	1	
	Soup	Ineligible use of additives	BHA	1	
			BHT	1	
			Sodium Dehydroacetate	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	Sodium cyclamate	1	
			Sodium diacetate	1	
	Other processed cereal products	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	5	
Powdered soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	5		
Alcoholic beverages	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	3		
	Use of undesignated additives	Carboxymethylcellulose	1		
Pickled Vegetables	Ineligible use of additives	Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	2		
		Sodium Dehydroacetate	1		
Dairy product	Use of undesignated additives	Phytonadione	1		
		Potassium iodate	1		
		Manganese sulfate	1		
Processed bean product	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1		
	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acesulfame potassium	1		
	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium saccharin	1		
Frozen food (other food product)	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1		
	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate80	1		
	Ineligible use of additives	Food Yellow No. 4	1		

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
People's Republic of China	Processed fruit product	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	120
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sucralose	1	
	Food additive	Use of undesignated additives	Calcium alpha-ketoglutarate	1	
			Glyceryl stearate	1	
	Other agricultural food	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Sodium copper chlorophyllin	1	
	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
	Dried fruit	Non-compliance with Manufacturing, Processing, and Cooking Standards	Radiation irradiation	1	
	Other processed vegetable products	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Noodles	Non-compliance with Manufacturing, Processing, and Cooking Standards	Radiation irradiation	1	
Republic of Korea	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Glutamine transaminase	1	99
			Sucralose	1	
			L-Cysteine	1	
			Amidated pectin	1	
			Carboxymethylcellulose	1	
			Magnesium gluconate	3	
			Zinc oxide	10	
			Tocopherol succinate	1	
			Phytonadione	3	
			Ferrous fumarate	2	
			Potassium iodide	2	
			Manganese sulfate	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium selenite	2	
			Magnesium Stearate	3	
			Copper sulfate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium carboxymethylcellulose	1	
			Sucralose	2	
	Soft drink	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acesulfame potassium	3	
			Sucralose	3	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
			Silicon dioxide	2	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	4	
	Other foods	Use of undesignated additives	Amidated pectin	1	
			Acesulfame potassium	2	
			Sucralose	2	
			Ethyl p-Hydroxybenzoate	2	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate20	2	
			Phytonadione	1	
			Ferrous fumarate	1	
			Potassium iodide	2	
			Manganese sulfate	2	
	Other processed vegetable products	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium saccharin	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	Potassium sorbate	3	
	Ice cream	Use of undesignated additives	Methyl benzoate	2	
			Amidated pectin	6	
	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Calcium triphosphate	1	
			Potassium diphosphate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Sugar	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium diphosphate	1	
			Amidated pectin	2	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Use of undesignated additives	Carmine	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicone Resin	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Republic of Korea	Retort pouched food	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Containers sealed by methods other than sealed by hot-melting or rolling	2	99
	Bread	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Processed aquatic animal products (dried products)	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Soup	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Propylene glycol	1	
	Snacks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Other processed cereal products	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sucralose	1	
	Pickled Vegetables	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Dairy product	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	1	
	Mineral water	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Frozen food (Processed grain product)	Use of undesignated additives	Glycerin diacetyltartaric acid antioxidant ether	1	
France	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Chromium chloride	2	59
			Zinc citrate	19	
			Chromium picolinate	1	
			Ferrous fumarate	2	
			Potassium iodide	2	
			Iodine	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium selenite	4	
			Copper chlorophyll	15	
	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium sulfite	5	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	5	
	Processed fruit product	Use of undesignated additives	Amidated pectin	1	
	Food additive	Non-compliance with Specifications of Additive	Rosemary extract (content)	1	
USA	Retort pouched food	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Containers sealed by methods other than sealed by hot-melting or rolling	1	49
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Isohexane	2	
			Non-compliance with definition: chemically synthesized betaine	1	
			Calcium palmitate	1	
			Pyridoxal 5-phosphate	2	
			Flavanone-3-hydroxylase	1	
			Polyethylene glycol	1	
			Methyl cobalamin	2	
			Calcium laurate	3	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium selenite	1	
			Potassium nitrate	1	
			Zinc sulfate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sucralose	1	
	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Magnesium L-threonate	1	
			L-Malic acid	1	
			N-Acetyl-L-cysteine	1	
			Zinc amino acid chelate	1	
			Magnesium citrate	1	
			Potassium sodium tartrate	1	
			Selenium amino acid chelate	1	
			Copper bisglycinate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	4	
	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Bread	Ineligible use of additives	BHA	1	
			BHT	1	
			Sorbic acid	4	
		Use of undesignated additives	Azodicarbonamide	1	
	Alcoholic beverages	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
			Dimethyl dicarbonate	2	
	Other processed cereal products	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate80	1	
			Calcium sulfate	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
USA	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodide	1	49
	Food additive	Use of undesignated additives	Other than 18 chemical categories	1	
	Other milk and dairy products	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium aluminosilicate	1	
	Sugar	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Propylene glycol	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
Viet Nam	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	11	45
		Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	2	
			Quinoline yellow	1	
			Green S	1	
	Heat processed meat products	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium nitrite	2	
			Trisodium pyrophosphate	1	
			Iodized salt	3	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Food Red No. 40	1	
			Sorbic acid	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Iodized salt	1	
			Sodium benzoate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	3	
	Coffee bean products	Use of undesignated additives	Pyridine	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	Calcium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Processed fruit product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium metabisulfite	1	
	Bread	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Dried fruit	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium Dehydroacetate	1	
	Processed aquatic products	Use of undesignated additives	Synthetic lycopene	1	
	Processed grain product	Ineligible use of additives	Calcium propionate	1	
	Processed seed and nut product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Soup	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Snacks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Other processed cereal products	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Other processed livestock products	Use of undesignated additives	Disodium citrate	1	
	Other foods	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
Spain	Candies	Use of undesignated additives	Magnesium citrate	9	37
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	4	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	6	
			Sodium propionate	1	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	Retinol acetate	1	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	1	
			Phylloquinone	1	
			Manganese	1	
	Unheated meat product	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Salt curing of material meat	3	
	Processed fruit product	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc chloride	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
	Dried meat product	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Water activity	2	
Taiwan	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	L-Potassium polyaspartate	1	28
	Salt	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Food additive	Use of undesignated additives	Diamine oxidase	1	
	Sugar	Ineligible use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	4	
			Sodium stearoyl lactylate	4	
	Other processed vegetable products	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium ferrocyanide	5	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Taiwan	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	L-Selenomethionine	1	28
			Boron citrate	1	
			Chromium picolinate	1	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Processed fruit product	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Guanosine monophosphate	1	
	Snacks	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sucralose	1	
			Polysorbate80	1	
Thailand	Sugar	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium benzoate	2	23
			Sucralose	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	2	
	Dried fruit	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	3	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium ferrocyanide	2	
	Seasoning	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Nisin	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	2	
	Instant noodles	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodide	2	
	Processed fruit product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Other processed vegetable products	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Pandanus palm leaf	Ineligible use of additives	Chlorine dioxide	1	
Philippines	Processed vegetable products (dried)	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	21
	Frozen food (other food product)	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium acetate	1	
	Other processed livestock products	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium nitrite	6	
	Other milk and dairy products	Ineligible use of additives	BHA	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
			Nisin	1	
			Propyl gallate	1	
			Zinc sulfate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Other processed vegetable products	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	3	
	Processed cheese	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
	Processed fruit product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Heat processed meat products	Use of undesignated additives	Carboxymethylcellulose	1	
Australia	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	20
	Dairy product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Heat processed meat products	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	8	
		Use of undesignated additives	Carmine	1	
	Dairy product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	4	
	Biscuit	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	3	
	Alcoholic beverages	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Coffee bean products	Ineligible use of additives	Ethyl acetate	1	
Canada	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	12
	Dried meat product	Use of undesignated additives	Manganese sulfate	3	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Curing conditions	3	
	Soup	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	3	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Canada	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	12
	Frozen food (other food product)	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Italy	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Dichloromethane	1	11
			Methanol	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Acetone	1	
	Other foods	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Copper chlorophyll	1	
	Processed fruit product	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Candies	Ineligible use of additives	Copper chlorophyll	1	
	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
Nepal	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	11
	Sugar	Use of undesignated additives	Chlorophyllin-copper complex	1	
	Biscuit	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium aluminum sulfate	4	
	Instant noodles	Ineligible use of additives	Food Yellow No. 4	1	
			Potassium hydrogen carbonate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Processed aquatic products	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
Malaysia	Noodles	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	10
	Biscuit	Ineligible use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	2	
	Heat processed meat products	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	
	Health food	Non-compliance with Manufacturing, Processing, and Cooking Standards	Radiation irradiation	1	
	Coffee bean products	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Snacks	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate80	1	
	Other foods	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
	Chocolate	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Ineligible use of additives	Food Yellow No. 5	1	
Bangladesh	Retort pouched food	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	9
	Health food	Ineligible use of additives	BHT	1	
			Ferrous gluconate	1	
			Silicon dioxide	3	
		Use of undesignated additives	Sodium lauryl sulfate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium monohydrogen phosphate	1	
	Soft drink	Use of undesignated additives	Carboxymethylcellulose	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Sri Lanka	Processed aquatic products	Use of undesignated additives	DDT	4	8
			Heptachlor	4	
Denmark	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	8	8
Germany	Soft drink	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	3	8
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium hydrogen carbonate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Sodium cyclamate	1	
	Colostrum	Non-compliance with standards of Milk, etc.	Milk within five days after delivery	1	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Ferrous fumarate	1	
United Kingdom	Health food	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sucralose	1	6
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Propylene glycol	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	3	
Netherlands	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Chlorophyllin-copper complex	1	6
		Ineligible use of additives	Iron Sesquioxide	1	
	Fats and oils	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Other processed cereal products	Use of lupin bean	Use of lupin bean	1	
	Natural cheese	Ineligible use of additives	Vinyl acetate resin	1	

Country/Region	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
India	Snacks	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	5
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	2	
	Salt	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
Mexico	Other foods	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	5
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Other processed vegetable products	Use of undesignated additives	Iodine	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
	Processed grain product	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	1	
Brazil	Heat processed meat products	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	2	4
	Health food	Ineligible use of additives	Iron Sesquioxide	1	
	Frozen foods (fruits)	Use of undesignated additives	Carboxymethylcellulose	1	
Poland	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc citrate	1	4
			Phytonadione	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Tocopherol acetate ester	1	
			Biotin	1	
Indonesia	Confectionery	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate	1	3
	Spices	Non-compliance with Manufacturing, Processing, and Cooking Standards	Radiation irradiation	1	
	Flour	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
Austria	Health food	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acesulfame potassium	1	3
		Ineligible use of additives	Magnesium Stearate	1	
	Salt	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium permanganate	1	
Trinidad and Tobago	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	3	3
Singapore	Soft drink	Ineligible use of additives	Zinc sulfate	1	2
	Retort pouched food	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	1	
South Africa	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Synthetic fluorophlogopite	1	2
			Tin oxide	1	
Unknown	Health food	Ineligible use of additives	Ethyl acetate	1	2
			Hexane	1	
Argentina	lupin bean	Use of lupin bean	Use of lupin bean	1	1
Georgia	Processed fish egg product	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	1
Sweden	Bread	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium nitrate	1	1
The Czech Republic	Confectionery	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate60	1	1
Chile	Dried fruit	Ineligible use of additives	Peracetic acid	1	1
Türkiye	Processed fish egg product	Use of undesignated additives	Boric acid	1	1
New Zealand	Health food	Non-compliance with standards of Milk, etc.	Milk within five days after delivery	1	1
Paraguay	Beef	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	1
Peru	Frozen foods (fruits)	Ineligible use of additives	Peracetic acid	1	1
Myanmar	Heat processed meat products	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	1

* Gross number of cases violations

Table 14 - Imported Food Violations Detected during the Domestic Monitoring (FY 2024)

Country/Region	Item	Violation details	Cases
People's Republic of China	Confectionery	TBHQ	3
	Snacks	TBHQ	1
	Immature peas	Diniconazole	1
		Hexaconazole	1
	Mung bean	Thiamethoxam	1
Thailand	Immature peas	Diniconazole	1
		Propiconazole	1
	Popcorn	TBHQ	1
	Mung bean	Thiamethoxam	1
Germany	Candies	Sorbic acid	1
Türkiye	Dried noodle	Food Yellow No. 4	1
Philippines	Biscuit	TBHQ	1
Brazil	Snacks	TBHQ	1
Viet Nam	Candies	Quinoline Yellow	1
Total			16

(Reference) Description of Key Terms

Term	Description
2,4-D	Agricultural chemical (phenoxy acid herbicide)
4-CPA	Agricultural chemical (phenoxy acid 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)
Benzoic acid	Additive (preservative)
Benzylpenicillin	Veterinary drug (β -Lactam antibacterial agent)
BHA (Butylated hydroxyanisole)	Additive (antioxidant agent)
BHT (Dibutylhydroxytoluene)	Additive (antioxidant agent)
Boric acid	Undesignated additive (preservative)
Boscalid	Agricultural chemical (amide fungicide)
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.
Bupirimate	Agricultural chemical (fungicide)
Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	Additive (antioxidant agent)
Calcium propionate	Additive (preservative)
Carbaryl	Agricultural chemical (carbamate insecticide)
Chloramphenicol	Veterinary drug (synthetic antibacterial agent)
Chlorfenapyr	Agricultural chemical (pyrrole insecticide)
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)
Cyfluthrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Cypermethrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Cyproconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Deltamethrin and tralomethrin	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)
Diflubenzuron	Agricultural chemical (benzoylphenyl urea insecticide)
Dimethomorph	Agricultural chemical (cinnamic acid derivative fungicide)
Diniconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Dinotefuran	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid insecticide)
Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	Additive (antioxidant agent)
Diuron	Agricultural chemical (phenylurea herbicide)
Doxycycline	Veterinary drug (Tetracycline synthetic antimicrobial agents)
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)
Etofenprox	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Etoxazole	Agricultural chemical (insecticides containing oxazoline ring)
Fenpropathrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Fipronil	Agricultural chemical (phenylpyrazole insecticide)
Fonicamid	Agricultural chemical (pyridinecarboxamide insecticide)

Term	Description
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.
Haloxypfop	Agricultural chemical (aryloxyphenoxy-propionate herbicide)
Heptachlor	Agricultural chemical (organochlorine insecticide)
Hexaconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Imazalil	Agricultural chemical (insecticide, fungicide)
Imidacloprid	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid insecticide)
Indoxacarb	Agricultural chemical (oxadiazine insecticide)
Iprobenfos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus fungicide)
Isocarbophos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Isoprocarb (MIPC)	Agricultural chemical (carbamate insecticide)
Isoprothiolane	Agricultural chemical (dithiolane fungicide)
<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	Pesticide (Hetero plant growth regulator)
Myclobutanil	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Nitrite	Additive (color fixative agent)
Orange II	Undesignated additive (coloring)
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)
Patent Blue V	Undesignated additive (coloring)
Patulin	Mycotoxin (produced by the fungi such as <i>Penicillium</i> spp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.)
Permethrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Phenthoate	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Piperonyl butoxide	Agricultural chemical (insecticide)
Polysorbate	Additive (emulsifier)
Potassium aluminium silicate	Undesignated additive (coloring)
Potassium sorbate	Additive (preservative)
Procymidone	Agricultural chemical (dicarboximide fungicide)
Profenofos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Prometryn	Agricultural chemical (triazine herbicide)
Propiconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Propylene glycol	Additives (Quality sustainer)
Pyraclostrobin	Agricultural chemical (strobilurin fungicide)
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 benzoate	Additive (preservative)
Sodium copper chlorophyllin	Additive (coloring)
Sodium Propionate	Additive (preservative)
Sodium saccharin	Additive (sweetener)
Sodium stearoyl lactylate	Additive (emulsifier)
Sorbic acid	Additive (preservative)
Sucralose	Additive (sweetener)
Sulfadimidine	Veterinary drug (synthetic antibacterial agent)
Sulfur dioxide	Additive (antioxidant, bleaching agent, preservative)

Term	Description
TBHQ (tert-butylhydroquinone)	Undesignated additive (antioxidant)
Tebuconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Thiamethoxam	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid insecticide)
Tolfenpyrad	Agricultural chemical (pyrazole ring group insecticide)
Triadimenol	Agricultural chemical (fungicide)
Triazophos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Tricyclazole	Agricultural chemical (benzothiazole herbicide)
Trifloxystrobin	Agricultural chemical (strobilurin fungicide)
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	Pathogenic microorganism (a bacterium living in seawater (estuaries, coastal areas, etc.) that commonly contaminates fish and shellfish, and causes abdominal pain, watery diarrhea, fever and vomiting.)