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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 2020 amounted to approximately 31.06 million tons across approximately 2.35 million import notifications. According to the "2020 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 30, 2020, the government established the Imported Foods Monitoring and Guidance Plan for 2020 (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 2020**

## **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\*<sup>1</sup> (FY 2020 Plan: 99,730 cases)
- Inspection orders\*<sup>2</sup>
- Regulations for comprehensive import bans\*<sup>3</sup>
- Emergency measures based on oversea information

\*<sup>1</sup>: Systematic inspection based on a statistical approach considering the import volume and violation rate for each type of food.

\*<sup>2</sup>: 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.

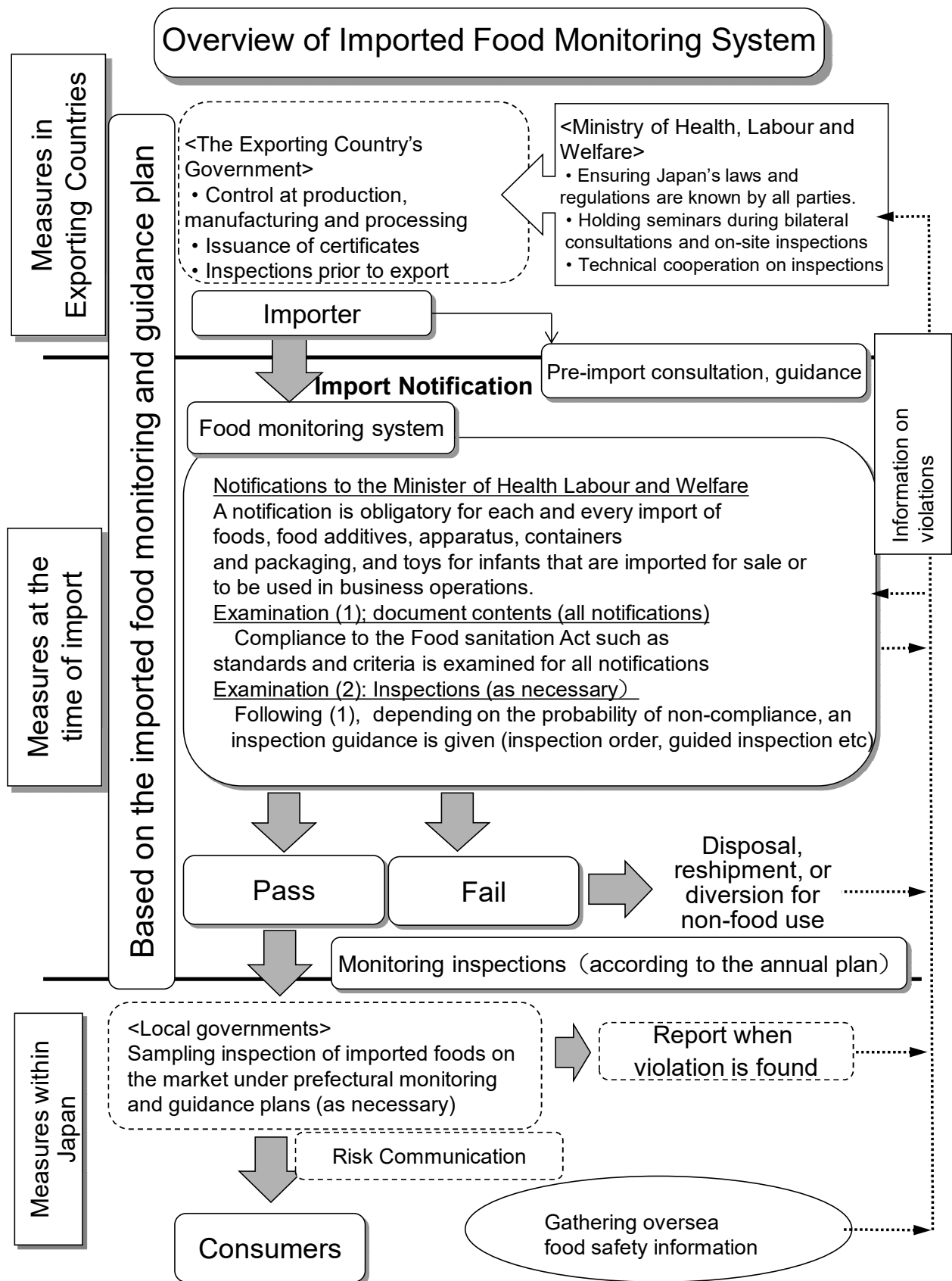
\*<sup>3</sup>: Measures whereby the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare prohibits sale or import of specific foods without requiring an inspection, in cases where it is deemed necessary to prevent harm.

## **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 sanitary control**

- Pre-import guidance (known as import consultation)
- Guidance on voluntary 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 2020

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 2020 was 2,352,082 cases, and the total weight of notified items was 31.06 million tonnes. Among these import notifications, inspections were carried out on 200,876 cases, of which 691 cases (running total of 729 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 2020, monitoring inspections were conducted for 48,048 cases (running total of 102,070 cases compared to the planned 99,730 cases (implementation rate: approximately 102%)), and of which, 145 cases (running total of 146 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**).

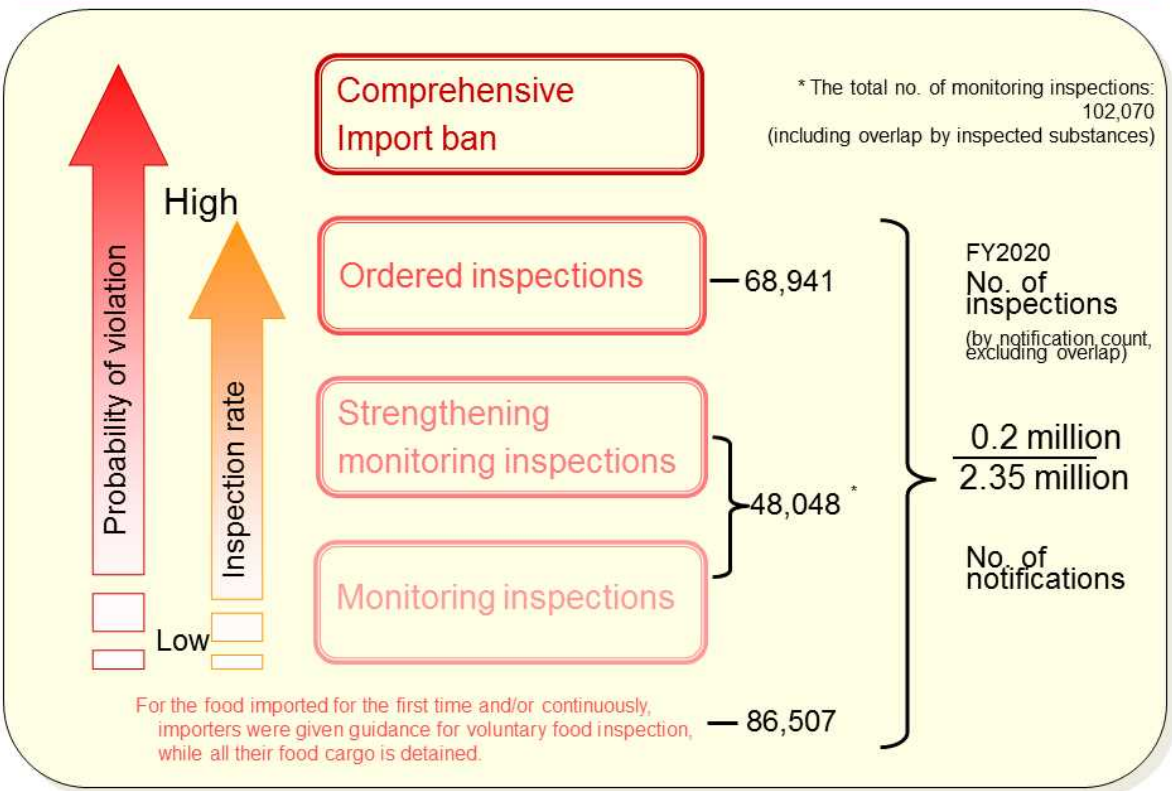
When the substances that may cause adverse health effects (e.g. aflatoxin) were detected in certain food, the inspections of the food were immediately enhanced by adding the item to the subject of ordered inspection (**Table 5**).

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 12,414 cases in FY 2020, out of which violation involving dichlorvos was found in processed food produced in China. As a result, the enhanced inspections were conducted by raising the rate of monitoring inspection for green onions as ingredient and its products, and by adding these products of the specific manufacturer to the subject of voluntary inspections for each import. Furthermore, in response to a violation (pirimiphosmethyl) in processed cereal products from Italy, products of the specific manufacturer that include wheat as ingredients were made subject to voluntary inspections for each import.



Sampling at a warehouse

## Import Inspection System





### **(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, 2021, 17 items from all exporting countries, and 80 items from 29 countries and one region were subject to ordered inspections. The inspections have been carried out for 68,941 cases (running total of 82,161 cases) in FY 2020, 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, 418 cases violated Article 13 of the Act (standards for food (e.g., microbial criteria, agricultural chemical residues, and veterinary drug residues) and standards for use for food additives), 200 cases violated Article 6 (e.g., contamination with harmful or toxic substances such as aflatoxin), 52 cases violated Article 12 (use of undesignated additives), 22 cases violated Article 18 (standards for apparatus, containers and packaging), one case violated Article 10 (non-attachment of health certificates for meat) and one case violated Article 68 (mutatis mutandis application), which relates to the standards for toys for infants ([Table 7](#)).

Breaking down violations by inspection type, violations of microbiological criteria were found in 158 cases (22.9%) ([Table 8-1](#)), violations relating to presence of harmful or toxic substances and contamination with pathogenic microbes in 155 cases (22.4%) ([Table 8-2](#)), violations relating to the use of undesignated additives and standards for use of additives in 111 cases (16.1%) ([Table 8-3](#)), violations of standards on agricultural chemical residue in 137 cases (19.8%) ([Table 8-4](#)), violations relating to decay and deterioration (e.g., unpleasant smell or mold) in 52 cases (7.5%) ([Table 8-5](#)), violations of standards on veterinary drug residues in 15 cases (2.2%) ([Table 8-6](#)), violations on standards of apparatus, containers and packaging in 22 cases (3.2%) ([Table 8-7](#)), and other violations in 43 cases (6.2%) ([Table 8-8](#)).

#### **1. Violations of microbiological criteria (Table 8-1)**

By country, the rankings were topped by China with a running total of 42 cases (24.1%), followed by Vietnam with 36 cases (20.7%), and Thailand with 16 cases (9.2%). Many violations were related with microbiological indicators for contamination (bacterial count, coliforms and *E. coli*) for frozen food and there were 108 cases (62.1%).

#### **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 58 cases (37.4%), followed by China with 19 cases (12.3%) and Italy with 10 cases (6.5%). Many of these violation cases included contamination with aflatoxin in almonds, corn, peanuts, etc. from the USA, contamination with aflatoxin in peanuts from China, and contamination with aflatoxin in pistachio nuts from Italy. The

contaminant most frequently responsible for violations was aflatoxin found in 125 cases (80.6%), followed by cyanide in 12 cases (7.7%) and diarrhetic shellfish poisoning in 9 cases (5.8%).

### **3. Violations relating to the use of undesignated additives and violations of standards for use of additives (Table 8-3)**

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by China with a running total of 23 cases (20.0%), followed by Vietnam with 13 cases (11.3%), and Taiwan with 13 cases (11.3%). Many of these violation cases included excessive sulfur dioxide residues and the use of undesignated additives such as cyclamic acid in Chinese products, the use of undesignated additives such as cyclamic acid in Vietnamese products, and the excessive use of acesulfame potassium and undesignated additives such as potassium iodate in Taiwanese products.

The undesignated additives most frequently responsible for violations were TBHQ found in 19 cases (36.5%), followed by cyclamic acid in 14 cases (26.9%) and azorubine in 7 cases (13.5%). The food additives of which the standards for use was responsible for violations frequently were sulfur dioxide found in 16 cases (25.4%), followed by sorbic acid in 8 cases (12.7%) and polysorbate in 7 cases (11.1%).

### **4. Violations of standards on agricultural chemical residue (Table 8-4)**

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by China with a running total of 49 cases (32.5%), followed by Vietnam with 30 cases (19.9%) and Korea with 15 cases (9.9%). The agricultural chemicals most frequently responsible for violation in these cases included thiamethoxam in onions from China, hexaconazole in carrots from Vietnam, and indoxacarb and paclobutrazole from perilla from Korea. The rankings by product were topped by cacao beans and carrots with 18 cases (11.9%), followed by feverweed with 12 cases (7.9%) and onions with 11 cases (7.3%).

### **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 30 cases (57.7%), followed by Thailand with 10 cases (19.2%) and Canada with 6 cases (11.5%). Many of the products in these cases were wheat from the USA, rapeseed from Canada, and rice in all the cases from Thailand. The rankings by product were topped by wheat with 26 cases (50.0%), followed by rice with 18 cases (34.6%) and rapeseed with 4 cases (7.7%).

### **6. Violations of standards on veterinary drug residues (Table 8-6)**

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by Vietnam with 7 cases (46.7%), followed by India with 5 cases (33.3%). Of these violation cases, all the cases from Vietnam were due to enrofloxacin in shrimps, and all the cases from India were due to furazolidone in shrimps.

### **7. Violations of standards on apparatus, containers and packaging (Table 8-7)**

The rankings by country, based on the total number of cases, were topped by China with 16 cases (66.7%), followed by Taiwan with two cases (8.3%) and Malaysia with two cases (8.3%). The material responsible for violations most frequently was synthetic resin in the cases from China and all the cases from Taiwan, and rubber was responsible for all the cases from Malaysia.



## **8. Other violations (Table 8-8)**

The major violations among the other violation cases included violation of specifications for food additives in 19 cases, violation of manufacturing standards for soft drink (sterilizing conditions) in five cases, detection of radioactive substances in mushrooms in three cases, and manufacturing standards for unheated meat products in three 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 8, 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 exceeded five percent. As a result, in FY 2020, no foods were subject to such measures.

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

Overseas information on the incidents of food poisoning 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 2020, on the basis of information on contamination with aflatoxin in the peanut butter from the Netherlands, and contamination with *Salmonella* spp. in dried black fungus (kikurage) from China etc., enhanced import monitoring 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 regards to measures against bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), in FY 2020, consultations were held with the government of Ireland. Based on the management status in Ireland as well as the results of inspections so far, the import ban on minced beef from Ireland

was lifted.

Regarding sheep meat and goat meat from Italy, based on the risk assessment report by the Food Safety Commission, a consultation was held with the government of Italy and the import ban was lifted.

Regarding beef from France, based on the risk assessment report by the Food Safety Commission, consultations were held with the government of France, followed by the on-site inspections at establishments for export to Japan. Compliance with the export verification program was confirmed, and thereby the restrictions on cattle age of imported beef were removed.

## **2. Technical cooperation**

To address the agricultural chemical residue issue of sesame seeds in Paraguay, assistance was provided to dispatch an expert continuously.

In order to assist to build up a system to rapidly collect information, analyze and address in case of a problem in Indonesia, cooperation was made to dispatch a long-term expert.

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

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

In FY 2020, a total of 36 online seminars were held for training courses and workshops by quarantine stations and related organizations, to which a total of 2,874 people participated.

Additionally, pre-import guidance (import consultation) was given for 23,781 cases, of which 523 cases (running total of 666 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 366 cases, followed by Article 12 with 190 cases, Article 10 with 8 cases, and Article 6 with one case (**Table 12**).

The rankings of non-compliance cases by country were topped by China with 89 cases (13.4%), followed by the USA with 82 cases (12.3%) and Vietnam with 56 cases (8.4%) (**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 importation 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 63 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 by inspections by prefectural governments, the inspections at the time of import was 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 2021 online. 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 (FY 2020)

Notifications (cases)	Imported Weight (thousand tonnes)	Inspections <sup>*1</sup> (cases)	Proportion <sup>*2</sup> (%)	Violations (cases)	Proportion (%)
2,352,082	31,060	200,876 (68,941) <sup>*4</sup>	8.5	691 <sup>*3</sup> (198) <sup>*4</sup>	0.03 <sup>*2</sup> (0.29) <sup>*4</sup>
(FY2019)					
2,544,674	33,270	217,216	8.5	763	0.03 <sup>*2</sup>

\*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 substances is 729.

\*4 Number of ordered inspections.

Table 2 - Implementation of Monitoring Inspections (FY 2020)

Food Groups	Inspected Substances <sup>*1</sup>	Planned Number in FY	Actual Number	Violations
<b>Livestock Foods</b> Beef, pork, chicken, horse meat, other poultry meat, etc.	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,178	2,170	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,221	1,627	0
	Additives	118	182	0
	Pathogenic microbes	657	592	0
	Standards, etc.	385	331	0
	Radiation irradiation	29	29	0
<b>Processed Livestock Foods</b> Natural cheese, meat products, ice cream, frozen food (meat), etc.	Removal of SRMs	—	1,245	1
	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,446	2,130	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,637	2,280	3
	Additives	1,247	1,765	0
	Pathogenic microbes	3,704	4,243	1
	Standards, etc.	2,057	2,279	3
<b>Fishery Foods</b> Bivalves, fish, crustacea (shrimps, crabs, etc.) , etc.	Mycotoxins	-	2	0
	Radiation irradiation	-	7	0
	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,356	2,312	2
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,458	1,765	0
	Additives	297	289	0
	Pathogenic microbes	1,493	1,812	0
<b>Processed Aquatic Foods</b> Processed fish products (fillet, dried or minced fish, etc.), frozen food (marine animals, fish), processed fish egg products, etc.	Standards, etc.	324	355	1
	Genetically modified food	59	50	0
	Radiation irradiation	64	55	0
	Antibacterial substances, etc.	3,574	4,759	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	3,423	5,171	1
	Additives	1,594	3,084	2
<b>Agricultural Foods</b> Vegetables, fruit, wheat, corn, beans, peanuts, nuts, seeds, etc.	Pathogenic microbes	4,958	5,833	0
	Standards, etc.	5,675	5,247	23
	Mycotoxins	-	1	0
	Genetically modified food	-	2	0
	Radiation irradiation	-	15	0
	Antibacterial substances, etc.	2,170	3,179	0
<b>Processed Agricultural Foods</b> Frozen foods (vegetables), processed vegetable products, processed fruit products, spices, instant noodles etc.	Residual agricultural chemicals	11,438	9,509	53
	Additives	774	863	0
	Pathogenic microbes	1,434	1,692	0
	Standards, etc.	355	386	2
	Mycotoxins	2,297	2,271	4
	Genetically modified food	502	355	0
<b>Other Foods</b> Health foods, soups, seasoning, confectionary, cooking oil and fat, frozen food, etc.	Radiation irradiation	119	160	0
	Antibacterial substances, etc.	299	460	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	6,980	8,202	8
	Additives	3,743	5,554	1
	Pathogenic microbes	1,911	2,049	0
	Standards, etc.	3,518	4,033	17
<b>Beverages</b> Mineral waters, soft drinks, alcohol drinks, etc.	Mycotoxins	2,715	2,727	4
	Genetically modified food	302	326	1
	Radiation irradiation	458	464	1
	Antibacterial substances, etc.	-	1	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	1,074	1,405	1
	Additives	2,925	3,135	4
<b>Additives Apparatus, Containers and Packaging Toys for infants</b>	Pathogenic microbes	-	1	0
	Standards, etc.	1,196	760	6
	Mycotoxins	836	918	0
	Genetically modified food	-	19	0
<b>Total (gross)</b>	Radiation irradiation	-	7	0
	Residual agricultural chemicals	118	289	0
	Additives	1,075	1,245	1
	Standards, etc.	657	589	2
<b>Total (gross)</b>	Mycotoxins	118	106	0
	Specifications, etc.	1,762	1,733	4
		99,730 <sup>*2</sup>	102,070 <sup>*3</sup>	146 <sup>*3</sup>
			Implementation rate of 102%	

\*1 Examples of inspected substances

- Antibacterial substances, etc. : Antibiotics, synthetic antimicrobials, hormon agents, etc.
- Residual agricultural chemicals : Organophosphorus, organochlorine, carbamates, pyrethroid, 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 : Items stipulated in the standards (bacterial count, coliform bacteria, radioactive substances, etc. (excluding pathogenic microbes)), shellfish poisons (diarrhetic shellfish poison and paralytic shell fish poison), 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 strengthened inspections added.

\*3 Gross number of inspection cases by inspected substances. Number of notification cases is 48,048 cases. Number of violations by notifications is 145.

Table 3 - Items Subject to Enhanced Monitoring Inspections in FY 2020<sup>\*1</sup>

Country / Region	Subject items (Inspection order item, etc.)	Inspected Substances
China	Green soybeans	Difenoconazole
		Diflubenzuron
	Okra	Haloxypop
	Perilla	Isoprocarb
		Fenobucarb
	Ginger	Thiamethoxam
	Red beans	Acetochlor
	Chinese chive	Chlorfenapyr
	Carrot	Dimethomorph
	Garlic sprouts	Thiamethoxam
	Leek	Dichlorvos and naled
	Bee larva	Oxytetracycline
	Potato	Haloxypop
	Sunflower seeds	Aflatoxin
	Spinach	Diflubenzuron
	Matsutake mushroom	Acetochlor
Vietnam	PUK WHAN (sweet leaf bush)	Indoxacarb
		Pyridaben
		Profenofos
		Permethrin
	Squid	Chloramphenicol
	Proso millet	Bromide
	<i>Limnophila aromatica</i>	Isoprothiolane
		Difenoconazole
		Tricyclazole
		Lufenuron
	Banana	Fipronil
		Permethrin
	Bell pepper	Acephate
South Korea	Red hot pepper	Tetraconazole
	Green hot pepper	Tebufenpyrad
		Tricyclazole
		Propiconazole
		Hexaconazole
	Perilla	Indoxacarb
		Thiacloprid
		Tetraconazole
		Teflubenzuron
		Paclobutrazol
	Chinese chive	Chlorfenapyr
		Procymidone
Thailand	Feverweed	Chlorpyrifos
		Cypermethrin
		Profenofos
	Okra	Profenofos
	Mushroom	Chlorpyrifos
	Mango	Cypermethrin

Country/Region	Subject items (Inspection order item, etc.)	Inspected Substances
Mexico	Green hot pepper	Propiconazole
	Strawberry	Fenazaquin
	Mango	Cypermethrin
	Brussels sprouts	Pyridalyl
Argentina	Kidney beans	Metsulfuronmethyl
	Chia seeds	Aflatoxin
Taiwan	Banana	Pyraclostrobin
	Cultured eel	Levamisole
Philippines	Okra	Profenofos
	Papaya	Deltamethrin and tralomethrin
India	Defatted soy	Aflatoxin
Australia	Corn	Aflatoxin
Netherlands	Bell pepper	Teflubenzuron
Guatemala	Banana	Pyriproxyfen
Cote d'Ivoire	Cacao beans	2,4-D
Spain	Non-glutinous rice	Tebuconazole
Tanzania	Sesame seeds	Imidacloprid
New Zealand	Honey	Glyphosate
Nepal	Corn	Aflatoxin
Palestine (The West Bank and Gaza)	Processed almond products	Aflatoxin
Hungary	Processed honey products	Coumaphos
Peru	Banana	Fipronil
Malawi	Macadamia nuts	Permethrin
Myanmar	Sesame seeds	Aflatoxin
Russia	Salmon and trout	Malachite green

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



Table 4 - Items Transferred to Inspection Order after Enhanced Monitoring Inspections in FY 2020

Country/Region	Subject items (Inspection order item, etc.)	Inspected Substances
China	Carrot	Dimethomorph
		Triadimenol
	Garlic sprouts	Thiamethoxam
	Potato	Haloxifop
South Korea	Perilla	Indoxacarb
		Paclobutrazol
Thailand	Feverweed	Chlorpyrifos
	Mango	Cypermethrin
Vietnam	Green hot pepper	Propiconazole
	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>	Hexaconazole
Cote d'Ivoire	Cacao beans	2,4-D
Netherlands	Honey	Glyphosate
Nepal	Corn	Aflatoxin

Table 5 - Items Immediately Transferred to Inspection Order in FY 2020

Country/Region	Subject item (Inspection order item, etc.)	Inspected Substances
Vietnam	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>	Propiconazole
	Proso millet	Aflatoxin
	Foods (manufacturer limited)	Cyclamic acid
	Carrot	Hexaconazole
India	Basil seeds	Aflatoxin
Cote d'Ivoire	Cacao beans	Aflatoxin
China	Foods (manufacturer limited)	Cyclamic acid

Table 6 - Major Items Subject to Ordered Inspections and Inspection Results (FY 2020)

Country/Region	Major subject foods	Major Inspected Substances	Inspections (cases)	Violations (cases)
All exporting countries (17 items)	Dried figs, Chili peppers, Nuts, Mixed spices, Peanuts	Aflatoxin	13,087	96
	Manioc, beans containing cyanide	Cyanide	256	1
	Salted salmon roe	Nitrite	158	0
China (18 items)	Hard clam, Vegetables (ginger, onion, carrot, garlic sprouts, potato, broccoli, spinach)	Endrin, Chlorpyrifos, Dimethomorph, Thiamethoxam, Dieldrin, Triadimenol, Haloxypop, Procymidone, Prometryn	32,017	31
	Bivalves	Paralytic shellfish posion, Diarrhetic shellfish poison	8,270	2
	Processed foods	Cyclamic acid	554	0
	Sichuan pepper, Sunflower seeds, Sorghum	Aflatoxin	423	0
	Eel, Soft-shelled turtle	Enrofloxacin, Oxolinic acid, Sulfadimidine	176	1
South Korea (13 items)	Bivalves	Paralytic shellfish poison, Diarrhetic shellfish poison	2,349	6
	Green hot pepper, Perilla, Paprika	Indoxacarb, Chlorpyrifos, Paclobutrazol, Fluquinconazole	105	0
	Cultured olive flounder	Enrofloxacin, Oxytetracycline	8	0
Vietnam (11 items)	Squid, Shrimp, Filefish	Enrofloxacin, Chloramphenicol	10,706	7
	Processed foods	Cyclamic acid	144	0
	Green hot pepper, Red hot pepper, Feverweed, Carrot	Chlorpyrifos, Cypermethrin, Propiconazole, Profenofos, Hexaconazole	61	12
	Proso millet	Aflatoxin	1	0
Thailand (10 items)	Feverweed, Okra, Greeen asparagus, Durian, Banana, Mango, Mangosteen	EPN, Imazalil, Chlorpyrifos, Cypermethrin, Procymidone, Propiconazole	1,250	3
India (9 items)	Cultured shrimp	Furazolidone	1,707	5
	Cassia tora, Defatted soybean, Corn	Aflatoxin	570	2
	Black tea, Chili peppers, Fennel seed	Triazophos, Hexaconazole	75	0
USA (8 items)	Dried dates, Corn, Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	2,863	12
	Corn (popcorn)	Deltamethrin and tralomethrin	293	1
	Natural cheese	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	8	0
Italy (5 items)	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxin	187	4
	Natural cheese, Unheated meat product	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	19	1
Philippines (5 items)	Okra, Banana, Mango	Chlorpyrifos, Cypermethrin, Tebufenozide, Fipronil, Phenthoate, Fluazifop-butyl, Methamidophos	1,288	1
	Tuna fillet for raw consumption	<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	189	0
Other (24 countries and 2 regions; total of 35 items)			5,397	16
Grand total			(Gross)*1	82,161
			(Actual)*2	68,941

\*1 Number of cases by inspected substance

\*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 7 - Violations by Legal Provision (FY 2020)

Provision violated	Violations (cases)	Proportion	Major Violation Details
Article 6 (Foods and additives prohibited to distribute)	200 (Gross) 200 (Actual)	27.4%	Aflatoxin contamination in almonds, cacao beans, proso millet, cassia tora, corn, Job's tears, pistachio nuts, basil seeds, peanuts, etc., detection of cyanide from flax seeds, etc., detection of diarrhetic shellfish poison from bivalves, decay and deterioration (e.g. unpleasant smell or mold) due to accidents during the transport of rice, wheat and soybeans, etc.
Article 10 (Prohibition for distribution, etc. of meat from diseased animal)	1 (Gross) 1 (Actual)	0.1%	Non-attachment of health certificate
Article 12 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of additives, etc.)	52 (Gross) 52 (Actual)	7.1%	Use of undesignated additives (TBHQ, Azorubin, Orange II, Aluminum lakes of carminic acid, Quinoline Yellow, Cyclamic acid, Patent blue V, Methylparaben, Phytonadione, Black PN, Potassium iodate, Methylene chloride)
Article 13 (Standards and criteria for foods and additives)	451 (Gross) 418 (Actual)	61.9%	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), violations of standards for other processed products (coliform bacteria test positive, etc.), violations of standards for use of additives (Benzoic acid, Sorbic acid, Polysorbate, etc.), and violations of specifications for additives, detection of radioactive substances, detection of genetically modified food that has not undergone safety assessment, etc.
Article 18 (Standards and criteria for apparatus, containers and packaging)	24 (Gross) 22 (Actual)	3.3%	Violations of materials standards
Article 68 (Mutatis mutandis application for toys for infants)	1 (Gross) 1 (Actual)	0.1%	Violations of standards for toys for infants
Total	(Gross) <sup>*1</sup> 729 (Actual) <sup>*2</sup> 691		

\*1 Number of inspection cases by inspected substance

\*2 Number of inspection cases by notification (two cases is a violation of both Article 6 and Article 13 and one case is a violation of both Article 12 and Article 13)

Table 8-1 - Violations of Microbiological Criteria (FY2020)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases <sup>*1</sup>	Total
China	Frozen food (vegetables)	<i>E. coli</i>	11	42
		Bacterial count	4	
		Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (other food)	<i>E. coli</i>	6	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	4	
	Frozen food (marine animal)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
		Coliform bacteria	3	
	Boiled crab	Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (shellfish)	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (bean)	Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Boiled octopus	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (livestock products)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Vietnam	Frozen food (fish)	<i>E. coli</i>	4	36
		Bacterial count	4	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	6	
	Frozen food (fruits)	Bacterial count	3	
		Coliform bacteria	4	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	<i>E. coli</i>	2	
		Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (other food)	<i>E. coli</i>	2	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Fish paste product	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Powdered soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Boiled octopus	Bacterial count	1	
Thailand	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria	4	16
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	3	
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	3	
	Heat processed meat products	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Fish paste product	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (marine animal)	Coliform bacteria	2	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases*1	Total
South Korea	Frozen food (shellfish)	Bacterial count	2	15
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	2	
	Powdered soft drink	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (marine animal)	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Fish paste product	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Boiled octopus	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	1	
Indonesia	Frozen food (marine animal)	<i>E. coli</i>	4	9
	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	2	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	Coliform bacteria	2	
India	Frozen food (other food)	Bacterial count	1	7
		Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	<i>E. coli</i>	2	
	Frozen food (seeds and nuts)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (marine animal)	Bacterial count	1	
Taiwan	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	2	7
		Coliform bacteria	2	
	Lacto-ice (ice cream)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (other food)	Bacterial count	1	
Malaysia	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	2	7
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (fruits)	Bacterial count	1	
		Coliform bacteria	1	
	Frozen food (grains)	Bacterial count	1	
	Frozen food (other agricultural food)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
Philippines	Boiled octopus	Bacterial count	2	6
	Frozen food (fish)	Coliform bacteria	2	
	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1	
	Juice concentrate	Coliform bacteria	1	
USA	Soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	4
	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	1	
	Retort pouched food	Possible microbes	1	
	Frozen food (grains)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Italy	Powdered soft drink	Coliform bacteria	1	3
	Frozen food (mushrooms)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	
	Frozen food (vegetables)	<i>E. coli</i>	1	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases*1	Total
United Kingdom	Butter	Coliform bacteria	2	3
	Frozen food (other food)	Bacterial count	1	
France	Butter	Coliform bacteria	2	3
	Frozen food (other food)	Coliform bacteria	1	
Peru	Frozen food (fruits)	Coliform bacteria	2	3
		Bacterial count	1	
Chile	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	2	2
Germany	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	1	2
		Coliform bacteria	1	
Belgium	Frozen food (vegetables)	<i>E. coli</i>	2	2
Canada	Frozen food (other food)	Bacterial count	1	1
Spain	Frozen food (other food)	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Nigeria	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	1	1
New Zealand	Flavoured Ice	Bacterial count	1	1
Poland	Frozen food (fish)	Bacterial count	1	1
Mauritius	Frozen fresh fish and shellfish for raw consumption	Coliform bacteria	1	1
Russia	Powdered soft drink	Bacterial count	1	1
Grand total			(Gross)*1	174
			(Actual)*2	158

\*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 2020)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases**	Total
USA	Peanut	Aflatoxins	25	58
	Almond	Aflatoxins	12	
	Corn	Aflatoxins	11	
	Dried fig	Aflatoxins	7	
	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxins	3	
China	Peanut	Aflatoxins	15	19
	Arch shell	Diarrhetic shellfish poison	1	
	Half-crenated ark	Diarrhetic shellfish poison	1	
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Cyanide	1	
	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxins	1	
Italy	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxins	5	10
	Unheated meat product	<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	1	
		<i>Listeria Monocytogenes</i>	1	
	Confectionery	Aflatoxins	1	
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Aflatoxins	1	
South Korea	Chocolate	Aflatoxins	1	8
	Hard clam	Diarrhetic shellfish poison	4	
	Arch shell	Diarrhetic shellfish poison	3	
Vietnam	Flax seeds	Cyanide	1	7
	Peanut	Aflatoxins	6	
	Proso millet ( <i>Panicum miliaceum</i> )	Aflatoxins	1	
India	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxins	2	6
	Cassia tora	Aflatoxins	1	
	Corn powder	Aflatoxins	1	
	Basil seeds	Aflatoxins	1	
	Peanut	Aflatoxins	1	
Australia	Almond	Aflatoxins	2	5
	Health foods	Chlorophyllase activity	1	
	Soft drinks	Patulin	1	
	Mixed cereals	Cyanide	1	
Spain	Almond	Aflatoxins	1	5
	Dried fig	Aflatoxins	1	
	Spirits	Methanol	1	
	Chocolate	Aflatoxins	1	
	Unheated meat product	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1	
Taiwan	Processed fruits product	Cyanide	2	4
	Dried fruit	Cyanide	1	
	Powdered soft drink	Cyanide	1	
Iran	Pistachio nut	Aflatoxins	2	3
	Dried fig	Aflatoxins	1	
Indonesia	Confectionery	Cyanide	1	3
	Nutmeg (spice)	Aflatoxins	1	
	Peanut	Aflatoxins	1	
Thailand	Job's tears	Aflatoxins	2	3
	Heat processed meat products	<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	1	



Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases <sup>*1</sup>	Total
Pakistan	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxins	2	3
	Mixed spice	Aflatoxins	1	
France	Natural cheese	<i>Listeria Monocytogenes</i>	2	3
	Dried fig	Aflatoxins	1	
Malaysia	Seasoning	Aflatoxins	2	3
	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxins	1	
Canada	Flax seeds	Cyanide	2	2
Nepal	Corn powder	Aflatoxins	2	2
Brazil	Peanut	Aflatoxins	2	2
South Africa	Peanut	Aflatoxins	2	2
Uzbekistan	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxins	1	1
Cote d'Ivoire	Cacao beans	Aflatoxins	1	1
Sri Lanka	Hot pepper (spice)	Aflatoxins	1	1
Philippines	Confectionery	Aflatoxins	1	1
Belgium	Fats and oils	Cyanide	1	1
Poland	Processed grain product	Cyanide	1	1
Hong Kong	Confectionery	Aflatoxins	1	1
Grand total			(Gross)*1	155
			(Actual)*2	155

\*1 Number of cases by violation

\*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-3 - Violations Relating to the Use of Undesignated Additives and Violations of Standards for Use of Additives (FY 2020)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases <sup>**1</sup>	Total
China	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	23
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	3	
			Polysorbate	1	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	3	
			Methylene chloride	1	
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Instant noodles	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	2	
	Shrimp	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Salted vegetables	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Crab	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Dried fruit	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Processed livestock foods	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Pickled fruit	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sucralose	1	
	Pickled vegetable	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
	Boiled shellfish	Violation of standards for use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
	Boiled vegetables	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Frozen food (aquatic animals)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
Vietnam	Soft drinks	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	2	13
			Sodium copper chlorophyllin	1	
	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	3	
	Processed grain product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Benzoic acid	1	
			Food yellow no. 4	1	
	Confectionery	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Processed aquatic animal product	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
	Agricultural food products	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubin	1	
Taiwan	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	2	13
			TBHQ	1	
			Potassium iodate	1	
	Sugar	Violation of standards for use of additives	Acesulfame potassium	3	
			Polysorbate	1	
	Soup	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sucralose	1	
			Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
			Polysorbate	1	
	Processed fruits product	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	1	
	Dried fruit	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	1	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases <sup>**1</sup>	Total
India	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	4	10
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	2	
	Processed fruits product	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	
	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Retort pouched food	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
South Korea	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	7
			Methylparaben	1	
			Polysorbate	1	
	Processed shellfish product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	
	Confectionery	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium saccharin	1	
	Processed fish product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Polysorbate	1	
Thailand	Sugar	Violation of standards for use of additives	Ethyl p-Hydroxybezionate	1	5
	Instant noodles	Violation of standards for use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	2	
	Frozen food (other agricultural food products)	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubin	2	
USA	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Potassium iodate	1	
			Sorbic acid	1	
			Polysorbate	1	
Brazil	Prepared powder	Use of undesignated additives	Tricalcium phosphate	1	4
	Other foods	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	
	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Cyclamic acid	1	
Lithuania	Frozen food (other foods)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Benzoic acid	1	4
	Chocolate	Violation of standards for use of additives	L-Cysteine monohydrochloride	3	
Iran	Processed fish product	Use of undesignated additives	Black PN	1	3
	Stew	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Retort pouched food	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
Cuba	Processed aquatic animal product	Violation of standards for use of additives	TBHQ	3	3
Sri Lanka	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	3
	Tea	Violation of standards for use of additives	Azorubin	1	
Pakistan	Other foods	Use of undesignated additives	Phytonadione	1	3
		Violation of standards for use of additives	Methylparaben	1	
			Sulfur dioxide	1	
Italy	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Propylene glycol	1	2
	Decaffeinated coffee beans	Violation of standards for use of additives	Patent blue V	1	
Australia	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Ethyl acetate	1	2
Netherlands	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	2
	Frozen food (other foods)	Violation of standards for use of additives	Azorubin	1	
			Iron sesquioxide	1	

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases <sup>*1</sup>	Total
Chile	Dried fruit	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	2
	Boiled shellfish	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sulfur dioxide	1	
Germany	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Aluminum lakes of carminic acid	1	2
	Liqueur	Use of undesignated additives	Quinoline yellow	1	
Malaysia	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	2	2
Luxembourg	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubin	2	2
Spain	Processed fish product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Benzoic acid	1	1
Turkey	Processed beans product	Violation of standards for use of additives	Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	1
Nepal	Seasoning	Violation of standards for use of additives	Benzoic acid	1	1
France	Wine	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	1
Belgium	Confectionery	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	1
Mexico	Prepared powder	Violation of standards for use of additives	Sodium stearyl lactylate	1	1
Grand total		(Gross)*1	Use of undesignated additives	52	115
			Violation of standards for use of additives	63	
		(Actual)*2	Use of undesignated additives	52	111
			Violation of standards for use of additives	60	

\*1 Number of cases by Violation

\*2 Number of cases by notification (one case is a Violation regarding the use of undesignated additives and the standards for use)

Table 8-4 - Violations of Standards on Agricultural Chemical Residues (FY 2020)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases <sup>*1</sup>
		Standard Value	The Uniform Limit (0.01ppm)	
China	Onion	Thiamethoxam (11)		49
	Carrot	Triadimenol (3)	Dimethomorph (8)	
	Broccoli		Procymidone (8)	
	Garlic sprouts		Thiamethoxam (3), Procymidone (2)	
	Potato		Haloxypol (4)	
	Red beans		Acetochlor (2)	
	Hard clam		Prometryn (2)	
	Chinese chive		Chlorfenapyr, Procymidone	
	Okra		Haloxypol	
	Spinach		Diflubenzuron	
	Matsutake mushroom		Acetochlor	
	Frozen food (livestock animal products)	Dichlorvos		
Vietnam	Carrot		Hexaconazole (7)	30
	Feverweed	Cypermethrin	Hexaconazole (2), Profenofos (2), Chlorpyrifos	
	PUK WHAN (sweet leaf bush)	Permethrin	Indoxacarb, Pyridaben, Profenofos	
	<i>Limnophila aromatica</i>	Difenoconazole	Isoprothiolane, Tricyclazole, Lufenuron	
	Green hot pepper		Propiconazole (2)	
	Red hot pepper		Propiconazole (2)	
	<i>Capsicum frutescens</i>		Propiconazole, Hexaconazole	
	Banana	Fipronil	Permethrin	
	Proso millet	Bromide		
South Korea	Perilla	Thiacloprid	Indoxacarb (2), Paclobutrazol (2), Tetraconazole, Teflubenzuron	15
	Green hot pepper		Tebuconazole, Tricyclazole, Propiconazole, Hexaconazole	
	Red hot pepper	Tetraconazole	Hexaconazole	
	Chinese chive		Chlorfenapyr, Procymidone	
Thailand	Feverweed	Cypermethrin (2)	Chlorpyrifos (2), Profenofos (2)	12
	Mango	Cypermethrin (3)		
	Durian		Procymidone (2)	
	Okra		Profenofos	
Ecuador	Cacao beans		2,4-D (8)	8
Mexico	Mango	Cypermethrin (3)		7
	Avocado		Bifenthrin	
	Strawberry		Fenazaquin	
	Hot pepper (spice)		Propiconazole	
	Brussels sprouts		Pyridalyl	
New Zealand	Processed honey products		Glyphosate (6)	6
Venezuela	Cacao beans		2,4-D (5)	5
Ghana	Cacao beans		2,4-D (3)	3
Cote d'Ivoire	Cacao beans		2,4-D (2)	2
Taiwan	Banana	Pyraclostrobin	Deltamethrin and tralomethrin	2
Philippines	Okra		Profenofos	2
	Banana	Fipronil		

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details		Cases * <sup>1</sup>
		Standard Value	The Unifrom Limit (0.01ppm)	
Argentina	Kidney beans		Metsulfuronmethyl	1
Italy	Processed grain product	Pirimiphos-methyl		1
Netherlands	Bell pepper		Teflubenzuron	1
Spain	Rice		Deltamethrin and tralomethrin	1
Tanzania	Sesame seeds	Imidacloprid		1
Norway	Whale meat	Heptachlor		1
Hungary	Processed honey products	Coumaphos * <sup>3</sup>		1
USA	Corn (popcorn)	Deltamethrin and tralomethrin		1
Peru	Banana	Fipronil		1
Malawi	Macadamia nuts	Permethrin		1
Grand total			(Gross)* <sup>1</sup>	151
			(Actual)* <sup>2</sup>	137

\*<sup>1</sup> Number of cases by violation

\*<sup>2</sup> Number of cases by notification

\*<sup>3</sup> Non-detection standard

Table 8-5 - Violations Relating to Decay and Deterioration (e.g., unpleasant smell or mold) (FY 2020)

Country of Production	Item Category	Cases	Total
USA	Wheat	23	30
	Rice	4	
	Soybean	2	
	Barley	1	
Thailand	Rice	10	10
Canada	Rapeseed	4	6
	Wheat	1	
	Soybean	1	
China	Rice	3	3
Australia	Wheat	2	2
Taiwan	Rice	1	1
Grand total			52



Table 8-6 - Violations of Standards on Veterinary Drug Residues (FY 2020)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details			Cases <sup>*1</sup>
		Exceeding the standard values (The uniform limit (0.01ppm))	Shall not contain	Shall not be detected	
Vietnam	Shrimp		Enrofloxacin (7)		7
India	Shrimp			Furazolidone (as AOZ) (5)	5
Taiwan	Eel	Levamisole			1
China	Soft-shelled turtle		Enrofloxacin		1
Russia	Salmon			Malachite green	1
Grand total				(Gross) <sup>*1</sup>	15
				(Actual) <sup>*2</sup>	15

<sup>\*1</sup> Number of cases by violation

<sup>\*2</sup> Number of cases by notification

Table 8-7 - Violations of Standards on Apparatus, Containers and Packaging (FY 2020)

Country of Production	Material type	Violation Details	Cases <sup>*1</sup>	Total
China	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	7	16
		Caprolactam	1	
		Dibutyltin compounds	1	
	Rubber	Zinc	1	
		Evaporation residue	1	
	Porcelain	Lead	2	
	Earthenware	Lead	2	
	Enameled	Cadmium	1	
Taiwan	Synthetic resin	Potassium permanganate consumption	1	2
		Evaporation residue	1	
Malaysia	Rubber	Zinc	1	2
		Evaporation residue	1	
Italy	Metal	Lead	1	1
Spain	Synthetic resin	Evaporation residue	1	1
Turkey	Synthetic resin	Lead	1	1
Brazil	Synthetic resin	Lead	1	1
Grand total			(Gross) <sup>*1</sup>	24
			(Actual) <sup>*2</sup>	22

\*1 Number of cases by violation

\*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 8-8 - Other Violations (FY 2020)

Country of Production	Item Category	Violation Details	Cases <sup>*1</sup>	Total
China	Food additive	Specifications	7	10
	Toys for infants	Standards	1	
	Dried fruit	Radiation irradiation	1	
	Processed grain product	Detection of unauthorised genetically modified food	1	
USA	Soft drinks	Manufacturing standards	4	7
	Food additive	Specifications	2	
	Heat processed meat products	Standards	1	
Indonesia	Food additive	Specifications	5	5
Taiwan	Seasoning	Radiation irradiation	2	4
	Spice	Radiation irradiation	1	
	Hot pepper (spice)	Radiation irradiation	1	
France	Food additive	Specifications	2	4
	Jam	Radioactive substance	1	
	Other mushrooms	Radioactive substance	1	
Italy	Unheated meat product	Manufacturing standard	3	3
India	Food additive	Specifications	3	3
Spain	Dried meat product	Standards	1	3
	Beef tongue	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	
	Paprika (spice)	Radiation irradiation	1	
Vietnam	Frozen food (fruit)	Detection of unauthorised genetically modified food	1	1
Belgium	Soft drinks	Manufacturing standards	1	1
Poland	Other mushrooms	Radioactive substance	1	1
Romania	Other mushrooms	Radioactive substance	1	1
Grand total			(Gross) <sup>*1</sup>	43
			(Actual) <sup>*2</sup>	43

\*1 Number of cases by violation

\*2 Number of cases by notification

Table 9 - Major Enhanced Monitoring Based on Overseas Information (FY 2020)

Month of enhancement	Country	Food Items and Risks	Background and Measures Taken
April	Netherlands	Peanut butter (Potential contamination with aflatoxin)	Based on the information that aflatoxin was detected from the peanut butter and the products and that they were voluntarily recalled in the Netherlands, measures such as reshipment were taken when an import notification of the recalled product were made.
October	China	Dried black fungus (kikurage) (Potential contamination with <i>Salmonella</i> spp.)	Based on the information that dried black fungus (kikurage) from China was recalled in the USA and Canada, due to potential contamination of <i>Salmonella</i> spp. measures such as reshipment were instructed when an import notification of the recalled product were made. Furthermore, voluntary testing was carried out when an item was not the recalled products.
November	Netherlands, France	Food with sesame seeds from India used as an ingredient (Potential contamination with ethylene oxide)	Based on the information that ethylene oxide was detected from the sesame seeds from India and foods which used them as an ingredient, and that they were recalled in the EU countries, measures such as reshipment were taken when an import notification of the recalled products were made.
February	France	Dried sausage (Possible contamination with <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> )	Based on the information that <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> was detected from the dried sausage and the products and that they were voluntarily recalled in France, measures such as reshipment were taken when an import notification of the recalled product were made.

Table10 - Major Bilateral Consultations (FY 2020)

Item (subject of inspection order etc.)	Bilateral Consultations	Date of on-site inspection
Beef from Ireland (BSE)	Consultations were held with the government of Ireland. Based on the management condition in Ireland and the inspection results, the import ban on Irish minced beef was lifted in March 2021.	—
Sheep and goat meat from Italy (BSE)	Based on the risk assessment by the Food Safety Commission in January 2016, consultations with the government of Italy were held, and the import ban on Italian sheep and goat meat were lifted in June 2020.	—
Beef from France (BSE)	Based on the risk assessment by the Food Safety Commission in January 2020, consultations with the government of France were held, and the restrictions on cattle age in months of imported beef were removed in August 2020.	—

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

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Import consultations implemented	12,352	12,111	11,508	13,650	14,903
Import consultations on item- by- item basis	24,180	23,516	20,736	22,629	23,781
Violations on item-by-item basis	410	460	384	627	523 <sup>*1</sup>

\* 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 inspections case by inspected substances is 666

Table 12 - Number of Violations in Pre-import Guidance (Import Consultation) by Provision (FY 2020)

Provision	Violations (cases)	Proportion (%)	Details of major violations
Article 6 (Foods and additives prohibited for distribution)	1(Gross) 1(Actual)	0.2%	Detection of methanol from spirits
Article 10 (Prohibition of distribution, etc. of meat from diseased animal)	8(Gross) 8(Actual)	1.2%	Non-attachment of health certificate
Article 12 (Limitation on distribution, etc. of additives, etc.)	234(Gross) 190(Actual)	35.1%	Use of undesignated additives(Iodized salt, TBHQ, Potassium iodate, Zinc oxide, Carboxymethylcellulose, Cyclamic acid, Chromium picolinate, Carmine, Magnesium citrate, Nicotinamide riboside kinase, Polyethylene glycol, Potassium iodate, Azorubine, Potassium bicarbonate, Pentane, Metatartaric acid, Manganese sulfate, Mica-based pearlescent pigment, Zinc citrate, Choline bitartrate, Polyvinylpyrrolidone vinyl acetate copolymer, Polyvinyl alcohol, etc.)
Article 13 (Standards and criteria for foods and additives)	423(Gross) 366(Actual)	63.5%	Ineligible use of Potassium sorbate in soft drinks, Ineligible use of Potassium sorbate and Sodium benzoate in seasoning, Non-compliance with the manufacturing standard (sterilization condition) of soft drinks
Grand total	(Gross) <sup>*1</sup> 666 (Actual) <sup>*2</sup> 523		

\*1 Number of cases by item

\*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 2020)

Country of Production	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
China	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	18	89
			Sodium benzoate	6	
			Benzoic acid	5	
			Sorbic acid	2	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	1	
			Nicotinamide riboside kinase	5	
			Nicotinamide phosphoribosyltransferase	2	
			Zinc	1	
			Xanthohumol	1	
			Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide nucleosidase	1	
			Nicotinamide nucleoside kinase	1	
			Phosphoribosyltransferase	1	
			Ribose phosphopyrophosphate kinase	1	
			Ribokinase	1	
	Instant noodles	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	4	
			Sodium dehydroacetate	3	
		Use of undesignated additives	L-Malic acid	1	
	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	4	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	1	
	Other foods	Ineligible use of additives	Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	2	
			Potassium sorbate	2	
			Sodium dehydroacetate	2	
	Noodles	Use of undesignated additives	Crocein orange G	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Processed vegetable product	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium dehydroacetate	1	
			Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Fats and oils	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Retort pouched food	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Sorbic acid	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Soup	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium dehydroacetate	1	
	Candies	Use of undesignated additives	Pentane	1	
	Processed egg product	Ineligible use of additives	Calcium propionate	1	
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Sauces	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Sugars	Ineligible use of additives	Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium dehydroacetate	1	



Country of Production	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
USA	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	3	82
			Pentane	3	
			Manganese sulfate	3	
			D-α-Tocopherol succinate	2	
			Potassium iodide	2	
			Zinc-carnosine chelate compound	1	
			Magunesium amino acid chelate	1	
			Carboxymethylcellulose	1	
			Magnesium glycinate	1	
			Ferrous bisglycinate	1	
			Sodium stearyl fumarate	1	
			Calcium palmitate	1	
			Benfotiamine	1	
			Polyethylene glycol	1	
			Polyvinyl alcohol	1	
			Methyl cobalamin	1	
			Sodium lauryl sulfate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	D-Mannitol	4	
			Zinc salts	1	
			Acetone	1	
			Octanoic acid	1	
			Zinc gluconate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Polysorbate60	3	
			Calcium carboxymethylcellulose	1	
			Sodium carboxymethylcellulose	1	
			Silicon dioxide (fine)	1	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	5	
			Sodium benzoate	3	
			D-Mannitol	3	
	Soft drinks	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Silicon dioxide (fine)	3	
		Use of undesignated additives	Potassium bicarbonate	4	
			Disodium citrate	1	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	4	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Ethyl p-Hydroxybenzoate	2	
			Sodium benzoate	1	
		Residue of additives in excessive amounts	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Other foods	Use of undesignated additives	Mica-based pearlescent pigment	3	
		Ineligible use of additives	Liquid paraffin	1	
	Processed grain product	Use of undesignated additives	Sodium alumino silicate	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium bromate	1	
	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Mica	2	
	Heat processed meat products	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	
	Spices	Use of undesignated additives	Ethylene oxide	1	
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Ineligible use of additives	Copper chlorophyll	1	
	Food additives	Use of undesignated additives	Polyethylene glycol	1	
	Pickled vegetables	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	

Country of Production	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Vietnam	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	8	56
			Sodium benzoate	6	
			Calcium sorbate	1	
			Nisin	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acesulfame potassium	3	
		Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Zinc sulfate	3	
			Sodium stearoyl lactylate	2	
			Potassium sorbate	2	
			Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	1	
			Sodium copper chlorophyllin	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate60	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	1	
		Non-conformity with storage standards	Storage temperature	1	
	Instant noodles	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	3	
		Use of undesignated additives	BHT	3	
	Heat processed meat products	Non-attachment of health certificate	Zinc oxide	2	
			Non-attachment of health certificate	3	
	Retort pouched food	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Use of preservatives	1	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium Propionate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
	Processed grain product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Agricultural food products	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium copper chlorophyllin	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Processed vegetable product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium sulfate	1	
	Boiled vegetables	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	2	
Poland	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium sorbate	1	49
			Chromium picolinate	2	
			Glucosamine sulfate	2	
			Zinc oxide	2	
			Choline bitartrate	2	
			L-Carnitine base	1	
			Chromium chloride	1	
			Carmine	1	
			Magnesium citrate	1	
			Magnesium gluconate	1	
			Glutamic acid hydrochloride	1	
			Cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose	1	
			Iron oxide yellow	1	
			Phytonadione	1	
			Ferrous fumarate	1	
			Boric acid	1	
			Polyethylene glycol	1	
			Polyvinyl alcohol	1	
			Sodium molybdate	1	
			Potassium iodide	1	
			Manganese sulfate	1	

Country of Production	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Poland	Health food	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	10	49
			Acetone	3	
			Cupric sulfate	2	
			Sodium selenite	1	
	Soft drinks	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Talc	3	
		Use of undesignated additives	Chromium picolinate	3	
		Ineligible use of additives	L-Carnitine L-Tartrate	1	
Taiwan	Processed fruits product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	31
			Acesulfame potassium	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Sucralose	1	
			Amidated pectin	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium cyclamate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
			Iodized salt	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
			Sucralose	1	
	Sugars	Non-compliance with standards for use of additives	Silicon dioxide	1	
			Acesulfame potassium	1	
			Sucralose	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Confectionery	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Propylene glycol	1	
			Iodized salt	2	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
			Sterilization conditions	1	
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Residue of additives in excessive amounts	Sodium saccharin	1	
			Acesulfame potassium	1	
	Heat processed meat products	Use of undesignated additives	Trisodium glycyrrhizinate	1	
	Processed grain product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium sulfate	1	
	Soup	Use of undesignated additives	Trisodium glycyrrhizinate	1	
	Agricultural food products	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Processed vegetable product	Residue of additives in excessive amounts	Sulfur dioxide	1	
	Frozen food (fish)	Ineligible use of additives	Iron sesquioxide	1	
	Frozen food (other food product)	Use of undesignated additives	Methyl adipate	1	
Thailand	Sauces	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	9	27
		Use of undesignated additives	Carboxymethylcellulose	1	
			Cyclamic acid	7	
	Processed fruits product	Residue of additives in excessive amounts	Sulfur dioxide	2	
		Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
	Processed fish product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Soup	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Soft drinks	Use of undesignated additives	Chromium picolinate	1	
	Pickled vegetables	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
	Agricultural food products	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate60	1	
	Processed beans product	Ineligible use of additives	Copper chlorophyll	1	
	Noodles	Ineligible use of additives	Calcium propionate	1	

Country of Production	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Philippines	Ice cream	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	12	27
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
			Nisin	1	
	Instant noodles	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	5	
	Processed fish product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
	Sauces	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
Indonesia	Instant noodles	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	25
		Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Tartrazine	6	
	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	7	
			Carbamide	7	
	Retort pouched food	Use of undesignated additives	Polyesterpolyol	1	
			Sodium benzoate	1	
	Processed grain product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
Australia	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Croscarmellose	1	25
			Croscarmellose sodium	1	
			Crosporidone	1	
			Iron oxide yellow	1	
			Chromium picolinate	1	
			Polyethylene glycol	1	
			Polyvinyl alcohol	1	
	Other foods	Non-compliance with standards for use of additives	Silicon dioxide	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	7	
	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	5	
	Flour paste	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sorbic acid	2	
Hungary	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Alcoholic beverages	1	25
			Candies	1	
			Processed honey product	1	
			N-Acetyl-L-tyrosine	1	
			Carboxymethylcellulose	5	
			Citrulline malate	1	
			Theacrine	1	
			Norvaline	1	
Spain	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium iodide	9	19
			Iodized salt	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	6	
	Health food	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Iron Sesquioxide	1	
			Potassium sorbate	6	
			Sterilization conditions	2	
	Honey	Use of undesignated additives	Magnesium citrate	1	
			Polyvinylpyrrolidone vinyl acetate copolymer	3	
	Pork meat	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Cochineal extract	2	
	Other foods	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Other foods	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	

Country of Production	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
India	Spices	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	8	18
	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	1	
	Processed grain product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	2	
	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium acetate	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Calcium silicate	1	
	Fats and oils	Use of undesignated additives	TBHQ	1	
South Korea	Soft drinks	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	2	17
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	2	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Others	1	
			Tricalcium phosphate	1	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Ethyl p-Hydroxybenzoate	1	
			Polysorbate80	1	
	Processed fish product	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate80	2	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc oxide	2	
France	Pickled vegetables	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	17
	Processed seeds and nuts product	Use of undesignated additives	Hydroxyapatite	1	
	Alcoholic beverages	Detection of methanol	Detection of methanol	1	
		Use of undesignated additives	Metatartaric acid	4	
	Heat processed meat products	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
		Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	
		Non-conformity with storage standards	Storage temperature	2	
	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc citrate	1	
			Choline bitartrate	1	
			Potassium iodide	1	
			Potassium iodate	1	
	Chocolate	Use of undesignated additives	Cumarin	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	lutein	1	
			Sodium copper chlorophyllin	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Polysorbate80	1	
Turkey	Soup	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Radiation irradiation	13	16
	Processed fruits product	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	3	
Germany	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc citrate	1	15
			Choline tartrate	1	
			Potassium iodide	1	
	Health food	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium stearoyl lactylate	4	
		Use of undesignated additives	Phylloquinone	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Ferrous gluconate	4	
	Spices	Ineligible use of additives	Cupric sulfate	1	
New Zealand	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	11
	Ice cream	Ineligible use of additives	Cupric sulfate	1	
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	6	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Propylene glycol	3	
		Non-conformity with general food production, processing and preparation standards	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Bovine plasma	Non-conformity with storage standards	Storage temperature	1	

Country of Production	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Switzerland	Health food	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	3	10
			D-Mannitol	1	
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium carboxymethylcellulose	3	
		Non-compliance with standards for use of additives	Trimethylamine	1	
	Soft drinks	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	2	
Portugal	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	5	9
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	2	
			Potassium sorbate	2	
UK	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Zinc citrate	1	8
			Polyethylene glycol	1	
		Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	2	
	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	3	
	Candies	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Ecuador	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	4	8
			Potassium sorbate	4	
Mexico	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	7	8
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
Pakistan	Soft drinks	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	7
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Sodium benzoate	2	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	3	
	Processed fruits product	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	
Finland	Soft drinks	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	7
		Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	4	
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
Italy	Agricultural food products	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	2	6
	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium L-Aspartate	1	
	Processed fish product	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	
	Soft drinks	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
	Bread	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Belgium	Chocolate	Ineligible use of additives	Iron sesquioxide	3	6
	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	
			Potassium sorbate	1	
	Soft drinks	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	
Brazil	Soft drinks	Use of undesignated additives	Azorubine	1	5
		Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
			Zinc sulfate	1	
	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
	Processed grain product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Israel	Sugars	Use of undesignated additives	Caffeine (chemical synthesis)	1	4
		Use of excessive amounts of additives	Acesulfame potassium	2	
			Sucralose	1	
Austria	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Magnesium citrate	3	4
		Ineligible use of additives	Hexane	1	
Belarus	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	2	4
	Heat processed meat products	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	2	
Argentina	Alcoholic beverages	Use of undesignated additives	L-Potassium polyaspartate	2	3
	Dairy products	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	
Sweden	Processed fish egg product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	3	3
Hong Kong	Soft drinks	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	2	3
	Health food	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Radiation irradiation	1	
Russia	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Carmin	3	3

Country of Production	Item	Violation details		Cases*	Total
Singapore	Seasoning	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	2	2
Chile	Honey	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	2
	Salt	Use of undesignated additives	Potassium iodate	1	
South Africa	Substitutes for tea	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Propylene glycol	2	2
Lithuania	Salt	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Potassium ferrocyanide	2	2
Iran	Soft drinks	Non-compliance with manufacturing standard	Sterilization conditions	1	1
Egypt	Processed fruits product	Ineligible use of additives	Sodium benzoate	1	1
Greece	Processed fruits product	Ineligible use of additives	Potassium sorbate	1	1
Kenya	Seasoning	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	1
Costa Rica	Health food	Use of excessive amounts of additives	Zeolite	1	1
Sri Lanka	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	1
Tunisia	Confectionery	Ineligible use of additives	Sorbic acid	1	1
Nepal	Confectionery	Use of undesignated additives	Iodized salt	1	1
Myanmar	Heat processed meat products	Non-attachment of health certificate	Non-attachment of health certificate	1	1
unknown	Health food	Use of undesignated additives	Iron hydroxide	1	2
		Ineligible use of additives	Ethyl acetate	1	

\* Gross number of cases violations

Table 14 - Imported Food Violations Detected during the Domestic Monitoring (FY 2020)

Country of Production	Item	Violation details	Cases
China	Green soybeans	Difenoconazole	2
		Diflubenzuron	
South Korea	Arch shell	Paralytic shellfish poison	1
Guatemala	Banana	Pyriproxyfen	1
Grand total			4



(Reference) Description of Key Terms

Term	Description
Acesulfame potassium	Additive (sweetener)
Acetochlor	Agricultural chemical (acid amide herbicide)
Aflatoxin	Mycotoxin produced by fungi <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> and <i>Aspergillus parasiticus</i> , which belong to fungi imperfecti.
Benzoic acid	Additive (preservative)
BHT (butylhydroxytoluene)	Additive (antioxidant agent)
Bifenthrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
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.
Calcium disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate	Additive (antioxidant agent)
Calcium propionate	Additive (preservative)
Chloramphenicol	Veterinary drug (synthetic antibacterial agent)
Chlorfenapyr	Agricultural chemical (pyrrole insecticide)
Chlorpyrifos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Choumaphos	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Copper chlorophyll	Additive (colouring agent)
Cyanide	Harmful or poisonous substance (cyanide compounds (e.g. cyanogenic glycosides) ) found in plants such as some varieties of beans
Cyclamic acid	Undesignated additive
Cypermethrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Deltamethrin and Tralomethrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Diarrhetic shellfish poison	Shellfish poison (mainly refers to toxins produced by harmful planktons accumulated in bivalves)
Dichlorvos and naled	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Difenoconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Dimethomorph	Agricultural chemical (cinnamic acid derivative fungicide)
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)
Fenobucarb	Agricultural chemical (carbamate insecticide)
Fipronil	Agricultural chemical (phenylpyrazole insecticide)
Furazolidone	Veterinary drug (nitrofurantoin synthetic antibacterial agent); generates AOZ when metabolized
Genetically modified foods	Foods derived from organisms obtained by genetic modification technology. Genetic modification technology is the technology to artificially introduce genetic materials of an organism into a chromosome etc. of different organisms.
Glyphosate	Agricultural chemical (amino acid herbicide)
Haloxypfop	Agricultural chemical (aryloxyphenoxy-propionate herbicide)
Hexaconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Imidacloprid	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid insecticide)
Indoxacarb	Agricultural chemical (oxadiazine insecticide)
Iron sesquioxide	Additive (colouring 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)
Nisin	Additive (preservative)
Oxolinic acid	Veterinary drug (quinolone synthetic antibacterial agent)
Oxytetracycline	Veterinary drug (tetracycline antibiotics)
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.)
Permethrin	Agricultural chemical (pyrethroid insecticide)
Phenthoate	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)

Term	Description
Pirimiphos-methyl	Agricultural chemical (organophosphorus insecticide)
Polysorbate	Additive (emulsifier)
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	Additive (softener)
Pyraclostrobin	Agricultural chemical (strobilurins fungicide)
Pyridaben	Agricultural chemical (pyridazinone group insecticide)
Pyriproxyfen	Agricultural chemical (4-phenoxyphenyl group insecticide)
<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)
Silicon dioxide	Additive (production agent)
Sodium benzoate	Additive (preservative)
Sodium copper chlorophyllin	Additive (colouring agent)
Sodium dehydroacetate	Additive (preservative)
Sodium propionate	Additive (preservative)
Sodium saccharin	Additive (sweetener)
Sodium stearyl lactylate	Additive (emulsifier)
Sorbic acid	Additive (preservative)
Sucralose	Additive (sweetener)
Sulfadimidine	Veterinary drug (synthetic antibacterial agent)
Sulfur dioxide	Additive (antioxidant agent)
Teflubenzuron	Agricultural chemical (benzoylphenyl urea insecticide)
Tetraconazole	Agricultural chemical (triazole fungicide)
Thiacloprid	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid insecticide)
Thiamethoxam	Agricultural chemical (neonicotinoid 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.)
Zinc sulfate	Additive (fortifier)
2,4-D	Agricultural chemical (phenoxy acid herbicide)