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# Proposed import control measures on Japanese food

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# Review on import control on Japanese food

- Prime consideration: safeguard food safety
- Factors considered :
  - Local surveillance results
  - Assessments of international expert organizations
  - Surveillance results of the Japanese Government
  - Latest position of other economies' import control over Japanese food
  - Public concern



# Current and proposed import restrictions on Japanese food

Prefecture	Food products	Current import restrictions	Proposed import restrictions
Fukushima	Vegetables, fruits, milk and milk beverages, and dried milk	Banned (no change)	
	Chilled or frozen game, meat and poultry, poultry eggs, and live, chilled or frozen aquatic products	Allowed to be imported if accompanied with radiation certificate (no change)	
Chiba, Gunma, Ibaraki and Tochigi	Vegetables, fruits, milk and milk beverages, and dried milk	Banned	<b>(proposed arrangement)</b> Allowed to be imported on the conditions that they are accompanied with: (a) exporter certificate; and (b) radiation certificate
	Chilled or frozen game, meat and poultry, poultry eggs, and live, chilled or frozen aquatic products	Allowed to be imported if accompanied with radiation certificate (no change)	



# Double gatekeeping to safeguard food safety under proposed arrangement

- Two levels of gatekeeping can effectively safeguard food safety
- **Export control** of the Japanese Government :
  - Ensure every consignment of concerned food come from Ibaraki, Tochigi, Chiba or Gunma, and NOT Fukushima
  - Certifying radiation levels of subject food do not exceed the Codex Alimentarius Commission's standards and the more stringent Japanese standards
- **Import control** of the Centre for Food Safety :
  - Continue to conduct radiation test on every consignment of imported Japanese food
  - Importers need to wait for the Centre for Food Safety to conduct radiation test on every consignment of imported Japanese food before sale at the market.
  - Strengthening sampling of vegetables, fruits and milk products from the above-mentioned four prefectures for testing radiation levels
- The Centre for Food Safety will strengthen communication with the Japanese Government in exchange of information and intelligence.



# Radiation level standards of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and more stringent Japanese standards

- Radioactive Caesium (Cs) (aggregate of Cs-134 and Cs-137) :

<b>Food Type</b>	<b>Japanese standard (effected on 1.4.2012)</b>	<b>The Codex Alimentarius Commission's standards</b>
General food	100 Bq/kg	1 000 Bq/kg
Milk	50 Bq/kg	1 000 Bq/kg
Food for infant and young children	50 Bq/kg	1 000 Bq/kg



## Labelling of Japanese vegetables and fruits

- Encourage the trade to keep original label of Japanese food, or provide information of the originating prefecture upon repackaging to facilitate checking by the customers



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