Enhanced arrangement on import control measures of Japanese food

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Review on import control on Japanese food

- Prime consideration: safeguard food safety
- Factors to be considered :
 - Local surveillance result
 - Assessments of international expert organizations
 - Surveillance result of the Japanese authority
 - Latest situations on import control of Japanese food by other economies
 - Consistency of related control measures with the requirements of World Trade Organization
 - Public concern





Import control measures of Japanese food

- Allow conditional import of vegetables, fruits, milk, milk beverages and dried milk (concerned food types) from Chiba, Gunma, Ibaraki and Tochigi prefectures to Hong Kong.
- Continue to prohibit import of vegetables, fruits, milk, milk beverages and dried milk from Fukushima prefecture to Hong Kong.





Current and enhanced import restrictions on Japanese food

Prefecture	Food	Current import restriction	Recommended import restriction	
Fukushima	Vegetables, fruits, milk and	Prohibition on import		
	milk beverages, and dried	(no change)		
	milk			
		· ·	accompanied with radiation	
	meat and poultry, poultry			
	eggs, and live, chilled or	(no change)		
	frozen aquatic products			
Chiba,	Vegetables, fruits, milk and	Prohibition on	Conditional import if	
Gunma,	milk beverages, and dried	import	accompanied with the	
Ibaraki	milk		following documents:	
and			(a) exporter certificate; and	
Tochigi			(b) radiation certificate	
	Chilled or frozen game,	Allow to import if	accompanied with radiation	
	meat and poultry, poultry	certificate		
	eggs, and live, chilled or	(no change)		
	frozen aquatic products			

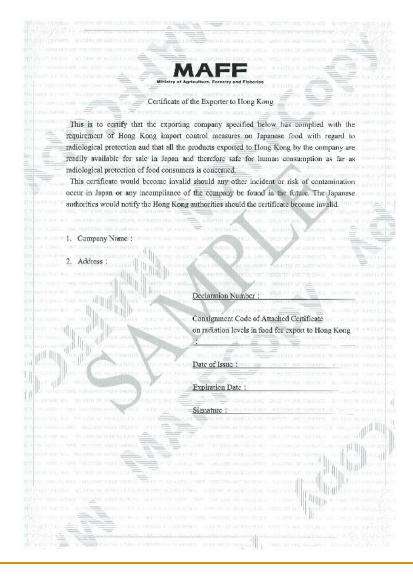


Two levels of gatekeeping to safeguard food safety under new arrangement

- Two levels of gatekeeping can effectively safeguard food safety
- Export control of the Japanese authority to :
 - Ensure concerned food types of every consignment come from Ibaraki, Tochigi,
 Chiba or Gunma, and NOT Fukushima
 - Certify radiation levels of concerned food types do not exceed the Codex
 Alimentarius Commission's standards and the more stringent Japanese standards
- Import control of the Centre for Food Safety to :
 - Continue to conduct radiation test for 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 selling the food to the market.
 - Strengthen sampling of vegetables, fruits and milk products from the abovementioned four prefectures for testing radiation levels by Contamination Monitoring System
- The Centre for Food Safety strengthens communication with the Japanese authority in exchanging information and intelligence.



Specimen of Exporter Certificate







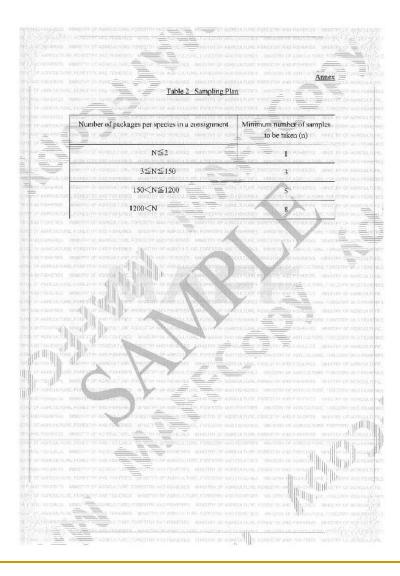
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Specimen of Radiation Certificate







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

 Radioactive Caesium (Cs) (combined calculation for Cs-134 and Cs-137) :

Food Type	Japanese standard (effective from 1.4.2012)	The Codex Alimentarius Commission's standards
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 trade to keep the labels of Japanese food and if the food products are split for sale, provide the public with information on the prefecture where the food is originated on the package.









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Thank you



