

Enhanced arrangement on import control measures of Japanese food

10.8.2018

Effective date

Noon, 24.7.2018



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.



Import restrictions on Japanese food (before noon of 24.7.2018 and current)

Prefecture	Food	Import restriction (before noon of 24.7.2018)	Current import restriction
Fukushima	Vegetables, fruits, milk and milk beverages, and dried milk	Prohibition on import (no change)	
	Chilled or frozen game, meat and poultry, poultry eggs, and live, chilled or frozen aquatic products	Allow to import if accompanied with radiation certificate (no change)	
Chiba, Gunma, Ibaraki and Tochigi	Vegetables, fruits, milk and milk beverages, and dried milk	Prohibition on import	Conditional import if accompanied with the following documents: (a) exporter certificate; and (b) radiation certificate
	Chilled or frozen game, meat and poultry, poultry eggs, and live, chilled or frozen aquatic products	Allow to import if accompanied with radiation certificate (no change)	

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 above-mentioned 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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Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Certificate of the Exporter to Hong Kong

This is to certify that the exporting company specified below has complied with the requirement of Hong Kong import control measures on Japanese food with regard to radiological protection and that all the products exported to Hong Kong by the company are readily available for sale in Japan and therefore safe for human consumption as far as radiological protection of food consumers is concerned.

This certificate would become invalid should any other incident or risk of contamination occur in Japan or any incompletion of the company be found in the future. The Japanese authorities would notify the Hong Kong authorities should the certificate become invalid.

1. Company Name : _____

2. Address : _____

Declaration Number : _____

Consignment Code of Attached Certificate
on radiation levels in food for export to Hong Kong
: _____

Date of Issue : _____

Expiration Date : _____

Signature : _____



Specimen of Radiation Certificate

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Certificate on radiation levels in food for export to Hong Kong

Consignment Code..... Declaration Number.....

..... (competent authority)

DECLARES that the food of this consignment composed of:

..... (description of consignment, product, number and type of packages, gross or net weight)

embarked at (embarkation place)

on (date of embarkation)

by (identification of transporter)

going to (place and country of destination)

which comes from the establishment (name and address of establishment¹, exporter²)

is falling into the category of the products in the table 1 below and is originating from (prefecture), has been sampled³ on (date), and subjected to laboratory analysis on (date) in the (name of laboratory⁴), to determine the level of the radioisotopes, caesium-134 and caesium-137, and hereby certify that the radiation levels do not exceed the standards laid down by the Codex Alimentarius Commission in the Guideline Levels for Radionuclides in Foods Contaminated following a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency.

Done at On.....

Stamp of
authorized representative of competent authority

Table 1. Category

No.	Category
1	All chilled or frozen game, meat and poultry, all poultry eggs from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma and Chiba
2	Vegetables, fruits, milk, milk beverages and dried milk from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma and Chiba

¹ In the case of Category 1.

² In the case of Category 2.

³ In the case of sampling of beef, every individual cattle is subject to laboratory analysis and a portion of each cattle's meat is used for that purpose. In the case of sampling of the other species, laboratory analysis is carried out in accordance with the table 2 of sampling plan at Annex.

⁴ The laboratory performing the radiation test is a laboratory accredited by Japan Accreditation Board/Perry, Tokyo Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.



Specimen of Radiation Certificate

Annex

Table 2. Sampling Plan

Number of packages per species in a consignment	Minimum number of samples to be taken (n)
$N \leq 2$	1
$3 \leq N \leq 150$	3
$150 < N \leq 1200$	5
$1200 < N$	8

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.



Thank you

