Import Restrictions by Other Countries

Outline of Lifting and Easing of Food Import Restrictions by Other Countries after the Accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi NPS

Food import restrictions by other countries (as of January 12, 2018)

Details of regulatory measures / Number of countries and regions				Countries and regions
Imposed import restrictions after the accident: 54	Completely lifted regulatory measures: 26			Canada, Myanmar, Serbia, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Guinea, New Zealand, Colombia, Malaysia, Ecuador, Viet Nam, Iraq, Australia, Thailand, Bolivia, India, Kuwait, Nepal, Iran, Mauritius, Qatar, Ukraine, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Argentina
	Continuing import restrictions: 28	Suspended import of items from some prefectures: 9	7	South Korea, China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Russia
			2	(Suspended import of items whose shipment is restricted in Japan) US, Philippines
		Requests issuance of inspection certificates for items from some or all prefectures: 17		Indonesia, Polynesia, Oman, Bahrain, Egypt, Congo, Morocco, Brazil, EU*, EFTA (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein), Brunei, New Caledonia, UAE, Lebanon * 28 EU member countries are collectively counted as one region.
		Strengthen inspections in the country: 2		Israel, Turkey

Note 1) Classification in accordance with the details of the regulatory measures; Prefectures in Japan subject to respective regulatory measures differ by country or region.
Note 2) The government of Thailand lifted its regulatory measures but requests the issuance of inspection certificates for some wild animal meat

Examples of recent complete lifting of regulatory measures

Date of lifting	Countries
January 2014	Iraq
January 2014	Australia
May 2015	Thailand * Excluding some wild animal meat
November 2015	Bolivia
February 2016	India
May 2016	Kuwait
August 2016	Nepal
December 2016	Iran
December 2016	Mauritius
April 2017	Qatar
April 2017	Ukraine
October 2017	Pakistan
November 2017	Saudi Arabia
December 2017	Argentina

Examples of recent easing of import restrictions

Date of easing	Countries and regions	Major content
Apr., Jul., Aug., Sep., Oct. and Dec. 2016	US	Suspension of import (targeting Fukushima Prefecture, etc.) → Lifted import suspension for some items sequentially
June and September 2016	Polynesia	Decreased items and regions for which inspection certificates and certificates of origin are required (such as the exclusion of vegetables, fruits (except for persimmons), livestock products, buckwheat, tea, etc. produced in Fukushima Prefecture from items requiring inspection certificates) (September)
July 2016	Qatar	Inspection certificates (targeting all 47 prefectures) → Sample inspections at the time of import
July 2016	Israel	Decreased items and regions for which sample inspections at the time of import are required
October 2016	New Caledonia	Suspension of import (all foods and feed from 12 prefectures) → Lifted import suspension (attaching certificates is also no longer necessary for vegetables, fruits (except for persimmons), livestock products, buckwheat, tea, etc.)
December 2016	UAE	Decreased regions for which inspection certificates are required (all foods and feed from 15 prefectures → Targeted prefectures are now only five.)
March 2017	Lebanon	All foods and feed attached with inspection reports may be imported.
April 2017	Russia	Attaching an inspection certificate is no longer necessary for fishery products produced at facilities in Aomori Prefecture.
September and November 2017	US	・Safety certificates (concerning radioactive materials) at the time of import are no longer necessary for milk and dairy products from five prefectures including Fukushima. ・Suspension of import (targeting Fukushima Prefecture, etc.) → Lifted import suspension for some items
January 2018	EU*	・Decreased items and regions for which inspection certificates and certificates of origin are required (such as the exclusion of rice, etc. from Fukushima Prefecture from items requiring inspection certificates)
December 2017	Turkey	Decreased items for which all lot inspections at the time of import are required (exclusion of cut flowers and *bonsai* plants, etc. from items requiring inspections)

* EFTA member countries (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) also eased regulations with reference to the EU.

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