

Measures for
Radioactive
Materials in Foods

Publication of the Inspection Results Concerning Radioactive Materials in Foods

The national government proposes food items to be inspected and inspection frequencies, and respective prefectural governments formulate their inspection plans and carry out inspections accordingly.
Inspection results are publicized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and respective local governments.

"Measures for Radioactive Materials in Foods," Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/shinsai_jouhou/shokuhin.html (in Japanese)

Database of radioactive substances in food
<http://www.radioactivity-db.info/> (in Japanese)

In response to the accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi NPS on March 11, 2011, the provisional regulation values concerning radioactive materials were established on March 17, 2011, based on the Food Sanitation Act (Act No. 233 of 1947). Then, the "Concepts of Inspection Planning and Establishment and Cancellation of Items and Areas to which Restriction of Distribution and/or Consumption of Foods Concerned Applies" was compiled on April 4.

The "Concepts of Inspection Planning and Establishment and Cancellation of Items and Areas to which Restriction of Distribution and/or Consumption of Foods Concerned Applies" has been revised in light of the inspection results and accumulated knowledge on countermeasures to reduce radioactive materials (the latest revision was made on March 22, 2019).

Inspection results and information on distribution restrictions and consumption restrictions are positively publicized through websites of the national government and local governments.

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