

(unofficial translation)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

Re: Import Requirement for Food with Risk from Radionuclide Contamination B.E.2554 (2011)

It deems appropriate to revise the import requirement for food with risk from radionuclide contamination from Japan. In accordance with the Clause 5 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Standard of Food Contaminated with Radionuclide, date 11th April B.E.2554 (2011)., the Minister of Public Health shall announce the category, the type of food, location and country of origin for controlling food contaminated with radionuclide.

By virtue of the provision of Section 5, 6(3) of the Food Act (B.E. 2522 (1979)), which restricts personal rights and liberties in conjunction with sections 29, 33, 41, 43 and 45 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand. the Minister of Public Health issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1 The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Import Requirement for Food with Risk from Radionuclide Contamination, dated 11th April B.E.2554 (2011) shall be repealed.

Clause 2 All kinds of food, except food additive, flavouring agent and materials intended to preserve food qualities¹ originated from the radionuclide contaminated areas in Japan: the prefectures of Fukushima, Gunma, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Miyagi, Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa and Shizuoka, the levels of radionuclides shall be detected not exceed the prescribed limits in the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Standard of Food Contaminated with Radionuclide, dated 11th April B.E.2554 (2011). The Importers are required to submit documents indicating the category, the type of food, the levels of radionuclide and their locations of production every shipment at the import check points, issued by any of the following agencies:

- (1) The Japanese government competent authority (CA), or
- (2) Other agencies accepted by the Japanese government competent authority, or
- (3) Government laboratory, or
- (4) Designated laboratory by government, or officially accredited laboratory or
- (5) Accredited laboratory conforms to the international standard

¹ Materials intended to preserve food qualities: such as desiccating agent, oxygen absorbent etc.

Clause 3 The importers of all kinds of food, except food additive, flavouring agent and materials intended to preserve food qualities originated from prefectures other than those stated in clause 2, are required to submit documents indicating the location of harvesting or processing for every shipment at the import check points that issued by the Japanese Government competent authority, or other agencies accepted by the Japanese government competent authority, or Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Japan.

In case of not having the above-mentioned documents in the first paragraph of clause 3, the importers can submit a certificate of analysis that indicates the category, the type of food and the levels of radionuclide issued by any of the agencies stated in clause 2(1) - 2(5).

Clause 4 This Notification is effective on the day following day of its announcement in the Government Gazette.

Notified on 25th July 2011.

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Note: This English version of the notification is translated to meet the need of the non-Thai speaking people. In case of any discrepancy between the Thai original and the English translation, the former will take priority.