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To: All Prefectural Governors

All Mayors in cities with Public Health Centers

All Mayors of Special Wards

Director-General, Department of Food Safety, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Handling of food contaminated by radioactivity

On March 11, 2011, the Prime Minister issued a declaration of a nuclear state of emergency relating for the accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.

Therefore, from the perspective of the Food Sanitation Act, which aims to prevent sanitation hazards resulting from eating and drinking, and thereby protect citizen's good health, the "indices relating to limits on food and drink ingestion" indicated by the Nuclear Safety Commission of Japan shall be adopted for the time being as provisional regulation values, and foods which exceed these levels shall be deemed to be regulated by Article 6, Item 2 of the Food Sanitation Act. We would like you to take adequate measures in terms of sales and other areas, to ensure that such foods are not supplied to the public to eat.

Inspections shall be conducted by referring to the office memo "Manual for Measuring Radioactivity of Foods in Case of Emergency" dated May 9, 2002.

Attachment

o Indices relating to limits on food and drink ingestion

Nuclide	Index values relating to ingestion limits in guidelines for	
	coping with disasters at nuclear facilities etc.	
Radioactive iodine (Representative radio-nuclides among mixed radio-nuclides: ¹³¹ I)	Drinking water	300
	Milk, dairy products*	
	Vegetables	2,000
	(Except root vegetables and tubers)	
Radioactive cesium	Drinking water	200
	Milk, dairy products	200
	Vegetables	
	Grains	500
	Meat, eggs, fish, etc.	
Uranium	Infant foods	
	Drinking water	20
	Milk, dairy products	
	Vegetables	
	Grains	100
	Meat, eggs, fish, etc.	
Alpha-emitting nuclides of plutonium and transuranic elements (Total radioactive concentration of ²³⁸ Pu, ²³⁹ Pu, ²⁴⁰ Pu, ⁴² Pu, ²⁴¹ Am, ²⁴² Cm, ²⁴³ Cm, ²⁴⁴ Cm)	Infant foods	
	Drinking water	1
	Milk, dairy products	
	Vegetables	
	Grains	10
	Meat, eggs, fish etc.	10

^{*)} Provide guidance so that materials exceeding 100 Bq/kg are not used in milk supplied for use in powdered baby formula or for direct drinking to baby.