

CIRCULAR

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Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES IN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN

SFA has informed in our circular dated 18 Feb 19 on the removal of the requirement for area surveillance certificates¹ for food products that are allowed from Fukushima prefecture and the requirement for pre-export test certificates for seafood and forest products from Gunma, Ibaraki and Tochigi prefectures.

2 We wish to inform that SFA will lift the following restrictions with effect from 16 Jan 2020:

S/n	Prefecture/areas	Food Products
i.	Fukushima (7 demarcated areas close and around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant ²)	All food products
ii.	Fukushima [excluding areas mentioned in (i)]	Seafood and forest products ³

3 The lifting of the restrictions above is subject to the condition that pre-export test certificates is submitted for every consignment of food products from the prefectures/areas listed in paragraph 2. The test certificate is to certify that the food has been tested and no radioactive contaminants were detected above 100 Bq/kg for radioactive caesium. This will be implemented immediately from the lifting of the restriction.

4. In order to facilitate import clearance, please declare the prefecture of origin accordingly in your permit declaration and attach the following supporting documents via TradeNet® for our verification:

- certificate of origin;
- pre-export testing certificate (for food products from the prefectures/areas listed in paragraph 2); and

¹ Surveillance certificate refers to a pre-export testing certificate with a validity of 3 months' duration. This certificate is specific for a commodity from a specific area in Fukushima.

² Areas include the whole of Minamisoma City, Iitate Village, Namie Town, Katsurao Village, Futaba Town, Okuma Town and Tomioka Town

³ Products from the forest refer to products gathered or caught from the forest such as wild mushrooms, wild berries, game meat etc.

- health certificate (if required)

Please note that declarations submitted without the required documents will be rejected.

5. Please submit your permit applications during our operating hours to avoid delay in permit approval. Our operating hours are as follows:

Operating Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am - 5.30pm
Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Lunch Hour: 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: Closed

6 Please be reminded that all imported food products are to comply with the standards as stipulated in the Sale of Food Act and the Food Regulations, Wholesome Meat and Fish Act and the Control of Plants Act. Imports of these food products may be subjected to hold-and-test by SFA.

7 Please do not hesitate to email us at the following email if you have any other queries: sfa_import&export_foodstuff@sfa.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

Licensing and Permits Division
Singapore Food Agency

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