

Press Release (This is provisional translation. Please refer to the original text written in Japanese.)

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Policy Planning and Communication Division,
Inspection and Safety Division,
Department of Food Safety

To Press and those whom may concern,

Restriction of distribution and/or consumption of foods concerned in Fukushima and Ibaraki Prefectures (in relation to the accident at Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant)

As of today 23 March 2011, Prime Minister, Mr Naoto Kan, who is Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, has issued the following two Instructions, in accordance with Article 20.3 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999), addressed to Governors of Fukushima and Ibaraki Prefectures respectively, ordering application of restrictive measures not to distribute and/or consume foods concerned produced in these prefectures:

- Attachment 1: Instruction for restriction of distribution and consumption of foods concerned, addressed to Governor of Fukushima Prefecture;
- Attachment 2: Instruction for restriction of distribution of foods concerned, addressed to Governor of Ibaraki Prefecture.

<Reference>

Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness

(http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail_main?id=106&vm=&re),

Article 20

(3) In addition to the instructions under the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when the director-general of the nuclear emergency response headquarters finds it especially necessary for implementing emergency response measures accurately and promptly in the emergency response measures implementation area covered by said nuclear emergency response headquarters, he/she may, within the limit necessary, give necessary instructions to the heads of the relevant designated administrative organs and the heads of the relevant designated local administrative organs, and the officials of said designated administrative organs and the officials of said designated local administrative organs to whom his/her authority has been delegated pursuant to the provisions of the preceding Article, the heads of local governments and other executive organs, designated public institutions and designated local public institutions, and nuclear operators.

(Attachment 1)

Instruction

23 March 2011

From Prime Minister Naoto Kan, Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters
To Governor of Fukushima Prefecture,

Recognizing the accident occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant operated by TEPCO Co. Ltd, the following order shall take place, under the authority of the Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, following Article 20.3 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999):

1. Restrictive requirements shall apply to both food business operators and consumer not to consume any non-head type leafy vegetables, any head type leafy vegetables, and any flowerhead brassicas produced in Fukushima Prefecture, for the time being; and
2. Restrictive requirements shall apply to food business operators not to distribute any non-head type leafy vegetables, any head type leafy vegetables, and any flowerhead brassicas including turnip produced in Fukushima Prefecture, for the time being.

Note 1: Non-head type leafy vegetables and head type leafy vegetables, e.g. spinach, komatsuna, cabbages.

Note 2: Flowerhead brassicas, e.g. broccoli, cauliflower.

(Attachment 2)

Instruction

23 March 2011

From Prime Minister Naoto Kan, Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters
To Governor of Ibaraki Prefecture,

Recognizing the accident occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant operated by TEPCO Co. Ltd, the following order shall take place, under the authority of the Director-General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, following Article 20.3 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Nuclear Emergency Preparedness (Act No. 156, 1999):

Restrictive requirement shall apply to food business operators not to distribute any fresh raw milk and parsley produced in Ibaraki Prefecture for the time being.