

Safety Control Policy for Imported Foods in Korea

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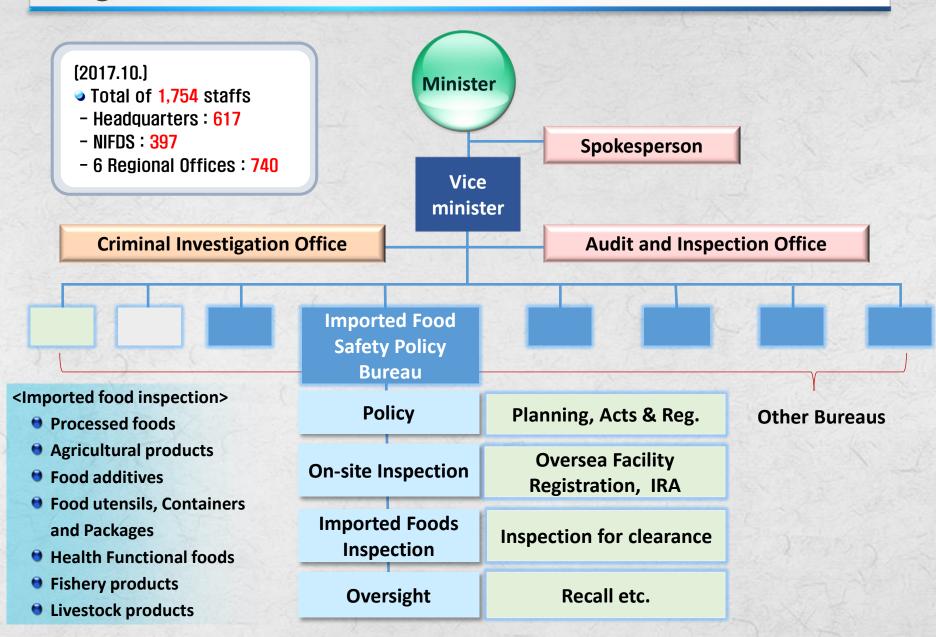
Ministry of Food and Drug Safety

- ✓ Raised up the ministerial level in March, 2013
- ✓ Fully exercise the programs given by the Acts
- ✓ As a control tower of food safety control including Meats, Fish and those products

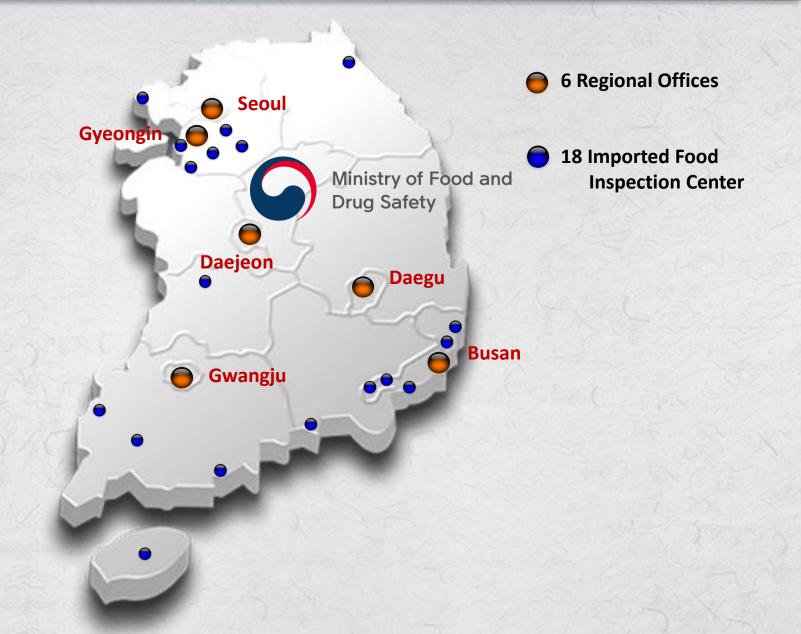
Imported Food Safety Policy Bureau

✓ Established the Bureau in March 2017

Organization



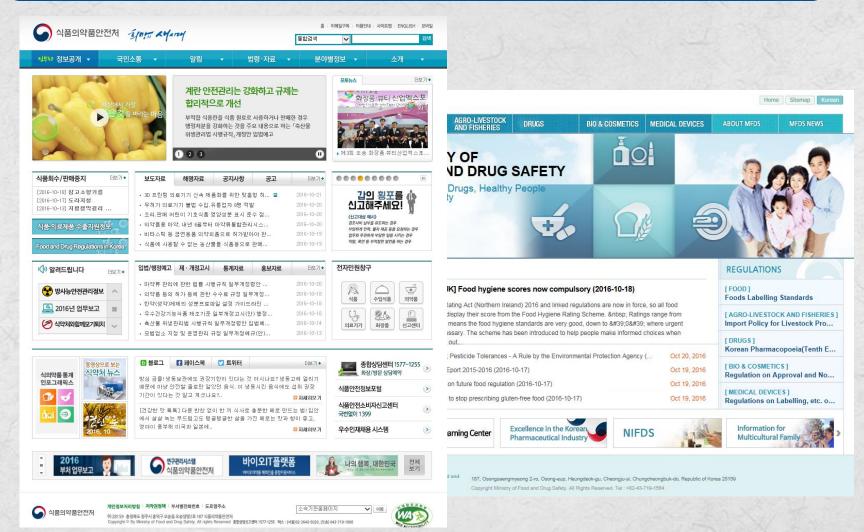
MFDS & Regional Offices



Homepages

MFDS main homepage(Korean):http://www.mfds.go.kr/index.do

MFDS main homepage(English): http://www.mfds.go.kr/eng/index.do

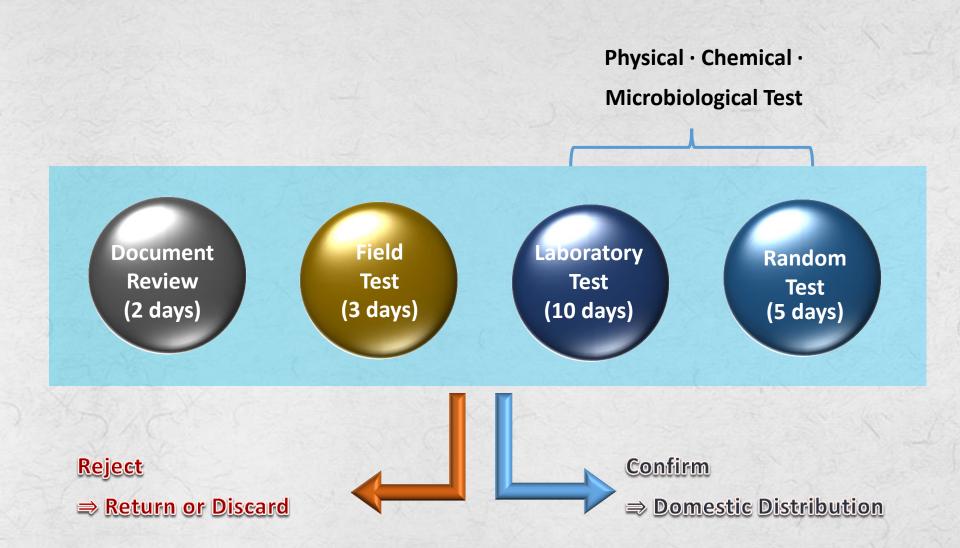


Inspection of Imported Foods

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Inspections



Details on Test Types

Document Review

Once processed food confirms with standard as a result of Laboratory
 Test, the next import of the same product goes to Document Review

Field Test

 Once agricultural produce confirms with standard as a result of Laboratory Test, the next import of the same product goes to Sensory Test

Laboratory Test

- The first import of a product
- The product with rejection history or risk information from various source
- In case that standards or specification has been amended

Random Test

 Products chosen by MFDS electronic system according to annual random sampling plan

Main check points of Inspection

- Verifying constituents, manufacturing process, usage, labeling, taste, color, appearance, standards and specifications for food products to be imported
 - ✓ Whether the product meets the standards or specifications according to Food Code, Food Additives Code
 - ✓ Whether the manufacturing methods are appropriate
 - ✓ Whether the product has a proper combination of food constituents
 - ✓ Whether the required certificates were filed and correct(GMO, BSE, etc)
 - ✓ Whether the product got rotten or deteriorated
 - ✓ Whether the product is properly Labeled
 - ✓ Whether the product has any exaggerated advertisement/package or misleading labeling
 - √ ..., etc

Field Sampling

1st STEP



check item information.

2nd STEP



move to the container yard

3rd STEP



· check container inside

6th STEP



check item list and send

5th STEP



sampling for lab-test

4th STEP



item check by regulation

Imported Food Information Site

http://www.foodsafetykorea.go.kr



New Framework: Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control

Increasing Imported Food

한국경제

2014년 06월 16일 월요일 A23면 경제

세네갈산 갈치·베트남산 주꾸미

수입식품, 대형마트 판매 50% 육박

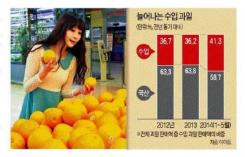
〈생선·과일

수입 식품이 한국 소비자들의 식 탁을 빠르게 점령하고 있다. 국산 대비 가격 경쟁력을 앞세운 수산 물과 과일은 물론 맥주 과자 등 국 산보다 비싼 가공식품까지 수입 식품의 시장점유율이 높아지고 있다.

자유무역협정(FTA)으로 수입 식품이 가격 경쟁력을 갖게 된 데 다 소비자들의 입맛도 다양해지 고 있어 수입 식품의 공세는 더욱 거세질 전망이다.

이마트가 올 들어 지난달까지 수산물 매출을 원산지별로 집계 한 결과 수임 수산물이 44.8%를 차지했다. 노르웨이산 연어, 미국 산 랍스터, 베트남산 주꾸미 등이 인기를 끌며 수입 수산물 매출이 늘었다는 설명이다. 이마트는 전 세계 60여개국에서 수산물을 수 임,판매하고 있다.

과거에는 고등어 갈치 등은 국 산. 연어 람스터 등은 해외산으로 시장이 구분됐다. 그러나 최근엔 국산일색이던 품목에서까지 국산 과 수일이 경합을 벌이고 있다. 지 난달 롯데마트에서는 갈치 때출 중 수입 갈치의 비중이 51.6%를 차지해 국산보다 높았다. 수입 수 산물의 인기는 통계에서도 확인 할 수 있다. 관세청에 따르면을 들 어 지난달까지 수산물 수입량은 45만5614(으로 지난해 같은 기간 보다 6.2% 증가했다.



식탁 점령해 가는 수입식품

이마트, 수입 수산물 45% 올들어 과일도 40% 돌파 과자·맥주도 수입 급증

FTA로 가격 낮아지고 소비자 입맛도 변화

수입 과일 역시 올 들어 지난달 까지 이마트 과일 매출의 41.3%에 이를 정도로 비중이 높아졌다. 이 마트 과일 매출에서 수입 과일의 비중은 2012년 36.7%에서 지난해 36.2%로 다소 낮아졌으나 올 들 어 다시 높아져 40%를 돌파했다.

업계에서는 국내 농수산업 기반이 취약한 것이 수입 수산물과 과일이 득세하는 일차적인 배경이라고 보고 있다. 국립수산과학원이 집계한 한반도 연근해 어확량은 지난해 104만5000t으로 전년보다 4.3% 줄었다. 5년 전인 2008년에 비해서는 18.7% 감소했다.

과일 역시 망고 자몽 등 국내에 서는 재배량이 많지 않은 품목이 인기를 끌면서 수입 상품의 비중 이 높아지고 있다. 터구나 한국이 미국 유럽연합(EU) 등 전 세계 국 내총생산(GDP)의 80%에 이르는 국가들과 FTA를 맺으면서 각종 농수산물을 보다 싼 값에 들여을 수 있게 됐다.

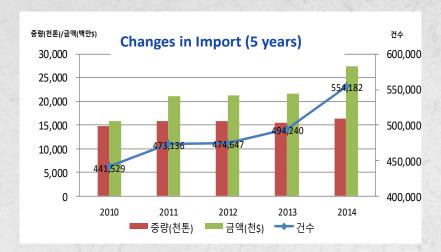
이용호 롯데마트 생선 상품기 획자는 "국내 어획량이 줄었음 뿐만 아니라 세계적인 기후변화 로 수산물 가격 변동성이 높아지 고 있다"며 "질 좋은 상품을 안정 적으로 확보하기 위해 수입 지역 화로를 다변화하고 있다"고 말 했다.

소비자의 입맛 변화도 수입 식 점의 점유율이 높아지는 요인 중 하나다. 해외여행이나 유학 또는 다른 여러 경로로 외국 식품을 맛 본 소비자들이 수입 식품을 선호 하고 있는 것이다. 업계에서는 최 근 수입 맥주와 수입 괴자 매출이 증가한 원인 중 하나로 입맛 변화 틀 꼽는다로 입맛 변화

을 들어 지난달까지 롯데마트 맥주 매출에서 수입 맥주는 26.7% 를 차지했다. 롯데마트의 수입 맥 주 점유율은 2011년 9.2%에서 2012년 10.8%, 2013년 16.3%로 급 격히 높아지고 있다. 롯데마트에 서 을 들어 국산 맥주 매출은 지난 해 같은 기간보다 4.5% 감소한 반 면 수입 맥주 매출은 34.6% 급증

과자 부문에서도 수입 과자의 약진이 두드러진다. 올 들어 지난 달까지 롯데마트에서 국산 과자 매출은 6.8% 줄었지만 수입 과자 매출은 10.4% 늘었다. 이마트에서 국산 과자 매출은 5.6% 증가해 국산 과자 매출의 4.9% 감소한 것 과 대조를 이뤘다.

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✓ Average annual increase for the last 5 years

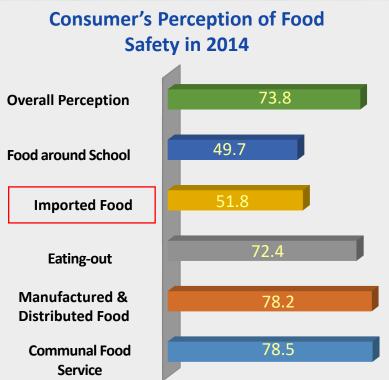
Case 5.8%, Weight 2.5%

✓ Decrease in self-sufficiency rate of food

56.9%(′09)→ **54.9%(**′10)→ **45.3%(**′11)

High Concern over Imported Food





Institutional Changes

Integration of laws regarding imported food safety control

Current (4 different laws)

- Food Sanitation Act
- Livestock Products Sanitary Control Act
- ✓ Functional Health Foods Act
- ✓ Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases



Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control

- ✓ Enhance consistency and efficiency in the administration of imported food
- ✓ Improve convenience in handling civil complaints

Changes in the imported food safety control system

Current

√ Focus on border inspections



Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control

✓ Focus on inspections over all stages incl. pre-importation

Contents of the Act

8 Chapters and 47 articles

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Ch 1 General Provisions

Art 1 Purpose

To contribute to sound order in trade and to improving people's health by ensuring the safety of imported food, etc., promoting improvement in the quality thereof, and providing proper information

Art 5 Registration of Foreign Food Facilities

- A person who intends to import food, etc. or person who establishes and operates an foreign food facility shall register with the MFDS by not later than 7 days before filing an import declaration
- ✓ Matters prescribed by Ordinance of the Prime Minister, such as the name, location of, and food items shall be registered
- ✓ Any change occurred in registered matters shall be registered
- ✓ Where needed to further verify any matter, necessary data may be requested
- ✓ Registration shall be renewed every two years
- Where registering by deceit or other unjust means, or failing to providing additional data, etc, an import declaration may be rejected

Art 6 On-Site Inspection of Foreign Food Facilities

- The MFDS may conduct an on-site inspection of an foreign food facility through prior consultation with its government or the foreign food facility
- ✓ Where deemed that an on-site inspection is necessary to prevent risk in imported food, etc., and that it is necessary to confirm facts about safety information on imported food, etc. collected at home and abroad
- Where refusing an on-site inspection or being likely for a hazard to occur in imported food as a result of the on-site inspection, the importation may be suspended
- ✓ Where identifying any cause of a problem and suggesting improvements, the suspension of importation may be revoked

Art 7 Registration, etc. of Good Importation Facilities

- Any person who has inspected the status of sanitation management of a foreign food facility according to standards set by the MFDS may register such facility as a good importation facility
- ✓ The MFDS may conduct an on-site inspection in order to verify whether meeting the standards
- ✓ The period of validity of the registration shall be 3 years
- ✓ Clearance at border may be expedited, and the registration may be published
- Where falling under any of the following, the registration may be revoked
- ✓ Where registering by deceit or other unjust means
- ✓ Where subject to an administrative disposition for suspension of business for at least 2 months, etc

Art 8 Registration, etc. of Good Importation Facilities

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- Where falling under any of the following, the registration may be revoked
- ✓ Where registering by deceit or other unjust means
- ✓ Where failing to observe matters prescribed by Ordinance of the Prime Minister

Art 9 Entrustment of On-Site Inspection, etc.

- Where necessary to efficiently conduct on-site inspections referred to in Art 6 through 8 and sanitation assessment provided for in Art 18 (2), the MFDS may entrust them to an foreign food sanitation assessment institution
- The institution shall report the results thereof and submit relevant documents to the MFDS, after conducting an onsite inspection, etc.

Art 10 Designation of Foreign Food Sanitation Assessment Institution, etc.

- The MFDS may designate an institution that can professionally conduct assessments to efficiently conduct affairs, such as on-site inspections, referred to in Art 9
- ✓ The period of validity on the designation shall be 3 years, and may be extended once only to an extent not exceeding 1 year
- ✓ Where necessary to ensure the adequacy and reliability of assessments of the institution, the MFDS may require a necessary report, inspect employees and relevant documents, etc.
 - Where falling under any of the following, the designation may be revoked or corrections, etc. may be ordered
 - ✓ Where designated by deceit or other unjust means
 - ✓ Where preparing false documents related to assessments deliberately or by gross negligence, etc.

Art 11 Import Sanitation Assessment, etc. of Livestock Products

- The MFDS may conduct assessments on the actual conditions of livestock products sanitary control of the exporting country for each livestock product
- ✓ Where requested to permit the importation from an exporting country
- ✓ Where deemed necessary to reassess it according to changes in international standards, etc.
- Livestock products shall be imported from countries or regions for which the MFDS has determined and published the requirements for import sanitation
- ✓ Where filing an import declaration, a sanitary certificate issued by an exporting country shall be attached according to the form on which it has consulted with the MFDS

Art 12 Registration, etc. of Foreign Establishments

- Any person who establishes and operates a foreign establishment shall register with the MFDS via the government of an exporting country before submitting an import declaration
- ✓ The same shall also apply where intending to change registered matters
- The MFDS may conduct an on-site inspection in order to examine and verify the registration

Art 13 Revocation, etc. of Registration of Foreign Establishments

- Where falling under any of the following, the MFDS may request to make corrections, or take necessary measures, such as suspending the importation or revoking the registration
- ✓ Where obtaining registration by deceit or other unjust means
- ✓ Where failing to register a change or registering it by deceit
- ✓ Where refusing on-site inspection or found inappropriate
- ✓ Where seriously violating requirements for import sanitation, etc.
- After implementing corrective and preventive measures, and submitting the results via the exporting country, the suspension of importation may be ceased or the registration may be allowed again

Foreign food facility registration system

- A person who intends to import, etc. into the Republic of Korea or a person who establishes and operates a foreign food facility shall register matters prescribed by Ordinance of the Prime Minister (e.g. name, location, manufactured items), with the Minister of Food and Drug Safety by no later than seven days before filing an import declaration.
 - ★ Where the person has not registered or has registered by deceit, his/her import declaration shall be revoked
- Foreign food facility: a facility (including a ship in which seafood is produced or processed) that is located overseas and engages in the production, manufacturing, processing, packaging, or storage of imported food, etc. (except livestock products)

Foreign food facility registration system

- The person concerned shall file an application for registration via an online computer system or email (fax) and be notified of the completion of registration (a registration code provided) after any omission in registered information, etc. is reviewed.
- The registration of a foreign food facility is completed once a person, either a foreign manufacturer or an importer, registers his/her facility one time
- The foreign food facility registration system was developed in Dec 2015. "impfood.mfds.go.kr" or "from.mfds.go.kr"
 - Registered information consists of basic ten items.
 - : Name, location, representative, type of business, manufacture items, whether HACCP is applied, etc.

Enquiry Point



For importing other foods

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Thank You!

