

Notification of Re-designation of Imported Food subject to Inspection Order

1. Objective

This is to notify that the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea will extend the period of the inspection order pursuant to Article 22 (Orders to Undergo Inspection) of the “Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control” and pursuant to the “Regulation on Inspection Orders for Imported Food, etc.”

Before termination of the inspection order, the MFDS informs its decision to re-designate the below items as food subject to inspection order after much deliberation and review.

2. Items subject to review

Category	Imported food subject to inspection order			
	Countries	Food item	Testing item	Enforcement period
2019-2 (Initially 2018-1)	All countries	Any powder form product in which hibiscus makes up 50% or more of the final product	Metallic foreign material	April 23, 2018 ~ April 22, 2020
2019-1	Kyrgyzstan, Russia	Neungi Mushrooms (<i>Sarcodon Aspratus</i>)	Radioactive substance (^{131}I , ^{134}Cs + ^{137}Cs)	April 23, 2019 ~ April 22, 2020

3. Review results

- Re-designation of inspection order

Imported food subject to inspection order		Enforcement period		Review results (changes made)
Food item	Testing item	Before changes	After changes	
Any product in powder form that contains 50% or more of Hibiscus (All countries)	Metallic foreign material	April 23, 2018 ~ April 22, 2020	April 23, 2020 ~ April 22, 2021	Re-designation of inspection order (1 year)

Neungi Mushrooms (Kyrgyzstan, Russia)	Radioactive substance (¹³¹ I, ¹³⁴ Cs + ¹³⁷ Cs)	April 23, 2019 ~ April 22, 2020	April 23, 2020 ~ April 22, 2021	extension)
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**The list of items subject to inspection order is posted on MFDS website (<http://www.mfds.go.kr>) in accordance with the Article 3 of the "Regulation on Inspection Orders for Imported Food, etc."*

A person or entity who intends to import foods subject to inspection order is required to submit a test report issued by MFDS-approved laboratories when making an import declaration.

The approved laboratories are located not just in Korea but also in many other countries, so please refer to the attached file to see the list of approved foreign laboratories.

MFDS would like to formally request exporting countries to ensure that the foods subject to inspection order are produced in compliance with applicable standards and specifications of Korea.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in this endeavor and look forward to working closely together on food safety matters.

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