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Press release

Results of the monitoring inspection on fisheries products (anchovy and alfonsino)

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In relation to the accident occurred at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant of the Tokyo Electric Power Company, the Chiba Prefectural Government has implemented the monitoring inspection on radioactivity level, in order to ensure safety of fisheries products in Chiba Prefecture.

The result of the inspection is that (1) for the anchovy sample landed at the katagai Fishing Port on 9 February, radioactivity was not detectable for radioactive iodine and 1.12 Bq/kg for radioactive cesium, and (2) for the alfonsino sample landed at the katsuura-tobu Fishing Port, radioactivity was not detectable for radioactive iodine and 0.66 Bq/kg for radioactive cesium. Radioactivity was below the Provisional Regulation Value in both samples.

Results of the inspection

- Facility that conducted the analysis: Japan Frozen Food Inspection Cooperation

| No | Sampling date | Item | Landing port | Radioactive iodine-131 | Radioactive cesium-134 | Radioactive cesium-137 | Analysis result |
|----|---------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---|------------------------|---|
| 1 | 9-Feb | Anchovy (<i>Engraulis japonicus</i>) Whole body | Katagai Fishing Port | Not detectable (lower than 0.42 Bq/kg ^{*1}) | 0.55 Bq/kg | 0.57 Bq/kg | Below the Provisional Regulation Value |
| 2 | 9-Feb | Alfonsino (<i>Beryx splendens</i>) | Katsuura-tobu Fishing Port | Not detectable (lower than 0.42 Bq/kg ^{*1}) | Not detectable (lower than 0.48 Bq/kg ^{*1}) | 0.66 Bq/kg | Below the Provisional Regulation Value |

- Measurements were conducted on whole fish bodies including head, gut, muscle, etc for the anchovy sample.

- Provisional regulation value for fish
Radioactive iodine: 2000 Becquerel/kg
Radioactive cesium: 500 Becquerel/kg

*1: "lower than _" in the table above indicates that the measurement value is below the detection limit.

The detection limit for each samples were as follows. Detection limit varies with nuclide, sample species, type of detector, etc.

- Anchovy: [iodine-131] 0.42 Bq/kg, [cesium-134] 0.47 Bq/kg, and [cesium-137] 0.49 Bq/kg
- Alfonsino: [iodine-131] 0.42 Bq/kg, [cesium-134] 0.48 Bq/kg, and [cesium-137] 0.46 Bq/kg