(Provisional translation)

29 August, 2011
Fisheries Group,
Sericulture and Horticulture Division,
Agriculture Department,
Gunma Prefecture

Safety inspections on fisheries products on radioactive materials

The Gunma Prefectural Government implemented inspection of Japanese smelt samples taken from Akagi-onuma Lake on 22-23 August, to confirm safety of fisheries products in the Prefecture. The result of the inspection obtained on 29 August showed that the radioactive cesium in the samples exceeded the provisional regulation value.

In response to this, the Gunma Prefectural Government requested to voluntarily refrain from catching Japanese smelt and the other edible fish species (Japanese dace, common carp and trout) in Akagi-onuma Lake.

Further, the Prefectural Government requested to postpone the opening day of the fishing season in the other fishing grounds of Japanese smelt in the prefecture until results of safety inspections are provided. For the fishing grounds where opening date of the fishing season is not set (Akaya Lake, Fujiwara Lake, Okutone Lake, Sonohara Lake, Marunuma Lake and Kondonuma Lake), the Prefectural Government requested to voluntary refrain from catching Japanese smelt until results of safety inspections are provided.

1. Inspection area
   Akagi-onuma Lake
2. Fisheries products inspected
   Japanese smelt (*Hypomesus nipponensis*) (wild)
3. Sampling date
   22 and 23 August, 2011
4. Date of inspection result
   29 August, 2011
5. Summary of the inspection results
   640 Becquerel/kg of radioactive cesium was detected for the Japanese smelt sample. Radioactive iodine was not detectable.
6. Results of sampling inspection

Analysis facility: Japan Inspection Association of Food and Food Industry Environment

Sampling area	Fish species	Level of radioactive materials (Becquerel/kg) [Detection limit: 50 Becquerel/kg]	
		Radioactive cesium	Radioactive iodine
Akagi-Onuma Lake	Japanese smelt (*Hypomesus nipponensis*)	640	Not detectable

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