

Test & Inspection Notice

Random sampling is carried out for the MMA-imported rice which is shipped from 31st December 2016. The number of test items is increased from 286 to 370. The additional test items are as follows:

[GC-MS/MS] 2,6-Diisopropyl-naphthalene, Allethrin, Aspon, Benalaxyl, Benodanil, Benzoylprop-ethyl, Bifenox, Butralin, Butylate, Chlorbufam, Chlorethoxyfos, Chlorfenson, Chlorfluazuron, Chlorflurenol-methyl, Chloroneb, Chloropropylate, Chlorthion, Chlorthiophos, Chlozolate, Desmetryn, Dichlofenthion, Dichlofluanid, Dichlormid, Diethyl-ethyl, Dinitramine, Dioxathion, Eaconazole, Ethalfluralin, Ethofumesate, Etofenprox, Etridiazole, Fenchlorphos, Fenfuram, Fenson, Flamprop-isopropyl, Fluchlorain, Flufenpyr-ethyl, Flumetralin, Fluopyram, Fluorodifen, Flurochloridone, Flurtamone, Flutriafol, Halfenprox, Heptenophos, Hexaconazole, Isopropalin, Leptophos, Metamitron, Methoprotryne, Methyl trithion, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, MGK-264, Napropamide, Profluralin, Prometon, Pronamide, Propetamphos, Quinxyfen, Secbumeton, Spiroxamine, Sulfotep, Terbacil, Terbumeton, Tetraconazole, Tetramethrin, Tetrasul, Tolyfluanid, Triadimenol, Tribufos, Trifluralin

[LC-MS/MS] Bixafen, Carbetamide, Flubendiamide, Fluometuron, Ipconazole, Lenacil, Malaoxon, Mesosulfuron-methyl, Metamitron, Metaminostrobin, Metosulam, Pinoxaden, Propaquizafop, Propyrisulfuron, Prosulfocarb, Prothioconazole, Sulfentrazone, Tebuthiuron, Tepraloxymid, Tralkoxydim, Triasulfuron, Tridemorph, Trifloxysulfuron

* Full list of test items are posted on our home page(www.mfds.go.kr/eng → MFDS News → Management of Testing and Inspection Agencies → FTL Notice).

Revised Food Standards & Specifications

We have revised the microorganism standards, and adopted a statistical concept. Even if the microorganism contaminations are not uniform, an indicative test sample has been generally tested and judged so far. To improve the old test practices, we have adopted the microorganism standards and specifications of the statistical concept, which are operated in CODEX, U.S.A, EU, and other major foreign countries, to the following food types.

Common standards and specifications of general fishery products, Frozen edible fish head, Frozen edible fish viscera, Uncooked raw oyster, Edible ice, Ice for fishery, Imitation cheese, Vegetable cream, Liquid tea, Coffee, Fruit-Vegetable beverages, Carbonated beverages, Soymilks, Fermented beverages, Ginseng-Red ginseng beverages, Other beverages, Cereals, Enzyme foods, Processed fruit-vegetable products, Other processed agricultural products, Processed soft-shelled turtle products, Processed extract products, Royal jelly, Processed pollen products, Uncooked foods, Ready-to-eat foods, Enzyme foods, Processed meat-extract products, Butters, Concentrated fruit-vegetable juices, Milk creams-powders-serums, Hydrolytic milk protein foods, etc.

Revised standards and Specification shall be implemented from 1.1.2018, and details can be found at WTO/SPS.

FTL Notice

FTLs have to submit the following materials to MFDS.

- A document which indicates FTL's performance of issuing test and inspection reports in 2016
 - Evidential documents which the FTL has been assessed by the government of exporting country
- Or, evidential documents which proves the FTL's testing and inspection capabilities by participating domestic and international proficiency tests (Copy of the participation results)

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Letter From The Minister of the MFDS

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Greetings! I am Ryu Youngjin, newly appointed 4th Minister of the MFDS.

The MFDS is an important organization which has been providing fundamentally required services to manage food and drugs for a healthy life.

Korea is currently standing in the center of new changes. New government has been established after overcoming a severe national affair called "Presidential impeachment". Even if we are facing this critical circumstance, MFDS is willing to make a new leap forward.

Firstly, risks to food safety are increasing, and expectations for safety of the people are rising and diversifying due to the advancement of scientific technology like the advent of new technology and materials. Therefore, we are willing to enhance the communication with the people to overcome any possible limitation which can act as an obstacle to effective safety management.

Secondly, all of us should be able to react to rapidly changing environmental changes with a keen insight. To do so, we have to adopt ourselves to new environment with changing working style and the way of thinking.

Thirdly, our MFDS is an organization which provides a social service called "Food and Drug Safety". We will do our best to implement the national policy of new government through an active communication with the relevant authorities and industries not to make any underprivileged area or people in our society.

Lastly, we will put endless efforts to have a continuous communication with Foreign Testing Laboratories for a better management of food and drug safety. At the same, we would like FTLs to actively cooperate with the MFDS for the safety management of the food products, which are imported to Korea, and enhanced achievements of MFDS policies.

Sincerely yours, *Ryu Youngjin*
Minister of the MFDS

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Status on FTL Designation

In total, 59 FTLs have been designated, with 42 of them government laboratories and the remaining 17 privately-run agencies.

By nations, there are 29 Chinese, 12 Thai, 7 Vietnamese, 5 Indian, 3 U.S., 1 Australian, 1 Finnish and 1 French laboratories.

FTLs around the World

