



Suspension of import of fruits and vegetables from Hyogo Prefecture

Following the latest detection of radioactive contaminants in a sample of cabbage imported from the Hyogo prefecture, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) will extend its suspension on the import of fruits and vegetables to include Hyogo with immediate effect.

2 AVA has increased its surveillance of food imports from Japan since the start of the incident at Fukushima Nuclear Plant to ensure that they are safe for consumption. To date, 488 samples of fruits and vegetables, seafood, meat, milk and milk products imported from Japan have been tested for radioactive contamination.

3 Tests done on shipments imported on 2 Apr 2011 showed that radioactive contaminants were found in the following sample of vegetables:

Item (Source)	Detection levels		
	Iodine-131	Cesium-134	Cesium-137
Cabbage (Hyogo)	118 bq/kg	36 bq/kg	40 bq/kg

4 Food imported from Japan that is available in the market is safe for consumption. There is no cause for concern for consumers.

5 Since 25 Mar 2011, all consignments of fruits and vegetables, seafood, meat, milk and milk products have been subjected to hold-and-test. This means that the products will only be released for sale when test results show that there is no radioactive contamination. If radioactive contaminants are detected in any sample, the affected shipment will be disposed of.

6 AVA has suspended food imports from prefectures where radioactive contamination of food products has been detected. The status of our suspension of food imports from Japan as at 4 Apr 2011 is as follows:

Source	Item
Fukushima, Ibaraki*, Tochigi* and Gunma*	Milk, milk products, seafood, meat, fruits and vegetables
Hyogo, Shizuoka, Ehime, Chiba*, Kanagawa*, Tokyo* and Saitama*	Fruits and vegetables

* Prefectures in the Kanto Region

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7 The public could also visit the Japan Earthquake microsite at www.gov.sg (www.gov.sg/japanquake) for latest updates and information from the authorities. They could also visit the AVA website at www.ava.gov.sg.

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