

**Clarifications on circulating video regarding the safety of imported seafood from Japan**

SFA is aware that there is a video circulating on WhatsApp claiming that the release of wastewater from the Fukushima nuclear plant had caused unsafe underground water in parts of Japan and dead fishes to wash up ashore in Hokkaido. We note that the content shown in the video is extracted from a mix of different and old news reports.

SFA has been routinely monitoring food imports from Japan closely, and our surveillance results have been satisfactory. Since 2013, SFA has not detected any radioactive contaminant in food imports from Japan. With the discharge of treated wastewater from Fukushima, SFA has stepped up surveillance of seafood imports from Japan. To date, results from tests conducted have met our safety requirements, which are well within internationally established safe levels.

Food imports from Japan also consistently made up less than 1.5% of our total imports in the past decade, while imports from Fukushima prefecture specifically are insignificant (less than 0.01% of total food imports in 2022).

SFA will continue to closely monitor food imports from Japan to ensure that they comply with our food safety requirements. SFA will also continue to diversify our sources of commonly consumed food items to mitigate the impact of supply disruptions.

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