

Japan and Japanese Food are Safe : 3 Important Facts

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FACT 1 Air radiation dose in Japan is in the harmless range

Atmospheric radiation level in Japan is equivalent to those in other major cities in the world.

Shinjuku
(Tokyo)

0.031 μ Sv/h
(as of 30 September, 2015)

Aizuwakamatsu-City
(Fukushima Pref.)

0.09 μ Sv/h
(as of 1 October, 2015)

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New York (U.S.)

0.094 μ Sv/h
(as of 31 May, 2011)

London (U.K.)

0.088 μ Sv/h
(as of 30 September, 2015)

Seoul (Korea)

0.124 μ Sv/h
(as of 1 October, 2015)

(Adopted from : http://www.into.go.jp/eq/eng/04_recovery.htm#measure)

*Incremental air radiation dose in Tokyo after the nuclear accident was equivalent to 0.05mSv/year (less than radiation dose from an air travel between Tokyo and New York [0.20mSv])

FACT 2 Strict control ensures safety of Japanese Food

Food safety is secured by (1) setting internationally proper limits, (2) rigorous inspections, and (3) prompt restrictions of food distribution.

Limits on radioactive cesium
(Date of enforcement: April 1, 2012)

Food Category	Limits (Bq/kg)
Drinking water	10
Milk	50
General Foods	100
Infant Foods	50

The limits are based on more conservative assumption than CODEX.

- So far, over 1,200,000 monitoring tests were implemented. (32million tests of all rice bags were also implemented.)
- Percentage of samples exceeded the limits are constantly decreasing to 0.2% (April 2014 - August 2015) (most of the excesses were wild mushrooms and meats of wild birds and animals. The number of excesses in farm goods for sale is extremely small.)
- Distribution of food failing the limits is immediately restricted, denying them entry into the market.

"systems are in place and are being implemented to prevent food products with caesium radionuclide levels in excess of the national regulatory limit from entering the food supply chain"

IAEA assessment (As of September, 2015)

https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/highlights_japan_082015.pdf

FACT 3 Many Countries have lifted the restrictions

15 countries including Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and Australia have lifted the import restrictions on Japanese products so far.

Many other countries have eased the restrictions; narrowed the range of regulated areas, or introduced restrictions only on specific items.

Country that lifted restriction

