

S32-1 **Basic concepts for an enforcement of inspection or monitoring of imported foods**

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In No.4 of the Food Safety Basic Law, the assurance of food safety should be achieved at each stage of food distribution by “From farm to table” concept both internationally and domestically. The quarantine stations have responsible for the safety of imported foods and carry out monitoring inspections as well as usual inspections under the Law. We also required rapid responses such as disclosure for public in case of violence to protect consumers from food poisonings in cooperation with MHLW, prefectural authority and importers. In addition, it is important to assure food safety in country of origin. Anyway, in the view that to protect consumers from foodborne illnesses is in the top priority, it is necessary to cooperate with related authorities in order to proceed risk assessment, risk management and risk communications simultaneously.