

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

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**SUBJECT : LIFTING OF THE PREVAILING ADDITIONAL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS ON THE IMPORTATION OF JAPANESE COMMODITIES**

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**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Order No. 14 Series of 2011 requires that dairy products and animal feed products not originating from the prefectures of Fukushima and Ibaraki shall be accompanied a Certificate of Origin and a Certificate of Declaration issued by the competent authority;

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum Order No. 12 Series of 2011 requires that importation of plants, planting materials and plant products from Fukushima shall be accompanied by Certificate of Radiation Analysis issued by competent authority /laboratory. MO 12 S2011 also requires that importation from other prefectures shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Origin;

**WHEREAS**, the Food Safety Act of 2013 mandates the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to provide scientific advice to the Secretary, the Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, Research and Development, and Regulations, the Food Safety Regulatory Agencies, and the National Codex Organization;

**WHEREAS**, BAFS and the members of the *ad hoc* Task Force on Radionuclide carried out a food safety risk assessment of radionuclide in fresh agricultural commodities namely fish, beef, apple and pear imported from Japan;


**WHEREAS**, the food safety risk assessment concludes that there is no significant food safety threat on fish, apple, pears and beef imported from Japan;

**WHEREAS**, the Japanese government shall submit an annual radionuclide monitoring results certified and signed by their competent authority to continuously ensure the safety of imported commodities;

**NOW, THEREFORE I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture by the powers vested in me by Law, do hereby declare that Certificate of Radiation Analysis and Certificate of Origin for the importation of Japanese commodities are no longer required.

This Order shall take effect immediately and all other Orders inconsistent with this issuance are hereby revoked.

Done this 8 day of January 2020.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary

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