



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

Reference Number: MAA 2010/01
 Date of Issue: 27 August 2010
 Date of Effect: IMMEDIATE

KOREA – IRRADIATION OF CERTAIN IMPORTED FOODS

Attention	Industry	Australian Food and Grocery Council Food and Beverage Importers Association	
	AQIS	AQIS Central and Regional staff	
Affected Markets		Korea ONLY	
Further Information		Contact Christine Coulson Email NPGExports@daff.gov.au phone number: 02 6272 4167	Contact Ian Lyall Email exports@aqis.gov.au phone number: 02 6272 3630

The Korean Food and Drug Administration has finalised regulations that will mandate the testing of specific food items (Attachment 1). The new regulation took effect on 15 August 2010. Measures may include the testing of non-irradiated imported food items to verify they have not been irradiated.

Australia is contacting the Korean government to seek clarification of these new measures and acceptance of, and recognition as equivalent Standard 1.5.3 of the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code as a basis for an exemption. Industry will be kept informed of developments as they arise.

Information about the Korean Food and Drug Administration is available at <http://eng.kfda.go.kr/index.php>

 The information provided above is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.

ATTACHMENT 1 - LIST OF FOOD ITEMS

	Items approved for irradiation in Korea	Foods requiring verification that have NOT been irradiated	Exemptions from verification requirement
1	Potatoes	Potatoes	Frozen, Bulk
2	Onions	Onions	Frozen, Bulk
3	Garlic	Garlic	Frozen, Bulk
4	Chestnuts	Chestnuts	Frozen, Bulk
5	Fresh mushrooms	Fresh mushrooms	-
6	Dried mushrooms	Dried mushrooms	-
7	Egg powder	-	Egg powder
8	Grains for manufacturing processed foods	Grains [Food Code 1.3.1 (1)]	Frozen, Bulk
9	Beans and bean powder	Beans [Food Code 1.3.1 (2)]	Frozen, Bulk
		Bean powder (Fish or shellfish that is simply dried and ground among processed bean products)	-
10	Starch for manufacturing seasoned foods	Starch	-
11	Dried meat for manufacturing processed foods	-	Dried meat for manufacturing processed foods
12	Fish/shellfish powder for manufacturing processed foods	Fish/shellfish powder (Processed maritime products, Fish or shellfish that is simply dried and ground among other processed products)	-
13	Soybean paste powder	Soybean paste powder	-
14	Hot pepper paste powder	Hot pepper paste powder	-
15	Soybean sauce powder	Soybean sauce powder	-
16	Dried vegetables for manufacturing processed foods	Dried vegetables [Food Code 1.3.1 (4)]	-
17	Yeast/Fermented foods	Yeast/Fermented foods	-
18	Algae	Chlorella, Spirulina	-
19	Aloe powder	Aloe leaf powder, Aloe gel powder	-
20	(Red) Ginseng products	(Red) Ginseng products	Ginseng, red ginseng, (red) ginseng extract
21	Dried spices & products manufactured with dried spices	Natural spices (dried), products manufactured with spices [Food Code 5.21-6]	-
22	Foods with multiple seasonings	Foods with multiple seasonings	-
23	Sauce	Sauce	-
24	Powdered tea	Solid tea [Food Code 5.16 D. (3)]	-
25	Leaf tea	Leaf tea	-
26	Patients' meal that requires secondary disinfection	-	Patients' meal that requires secondary disinfection

Note:

- o A patients' meal that requires secondary disinfection is exempt because it is consumed as special meal in a sterile room.
- o Egg powder and dried meat for manufacturing processed foods are subject to management under the 'Livestock Product Sanitation and Management Act.'
- o Bulk: Not packaged and distributed and sold to final consumers as it is [Food Code 9.2.3]