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Guidance notes for the application of the new Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 284/2012 of 29 March 2012 imposing special conditions governing the import of feed and food originating in or consigned from Japan following the accident at the Fukushima power station and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 961/2011.



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(Official Journal of the European Union, L 92, 30.3.2012, p. 16)

Guidance notes for the application of the Regulation.

URGENT AND IMPORTANT

Findings of non compliance of log grown shiitake grown in the prefecture Iwate

Since recently, the Japanese authorities report regularly non compliance of log grown shii-take (mushroom) from the prefecture Iwate. Iwate is not within the zone of prefectures for which feed and food originating from that zone have to be sampled and analysed before export to the EU. The non-compliance is not only related to the new maximum level applicable since 1 April 2012 (i.e. 100 Bq/kg for the sum of caesium-134 + caesium-137) but also in more than half of the cases to the level applicable before 1 April 2012 (i.e. 500 Bq/kg for the sum of caesium-134 + caesium-137).

The Commission services therefore recommend the competent authorities to target their controls, which are foreseen to be carried out on feed and food from prefectures from outside the zone with restrictions, to log-grown shiitake from the prefecture Iwate. Furthermore it is also to be noted that the Japanese authorities report also since recently regularly non compliances on log grown shiitake from prefectures within the zone with restrictions (pre-export sampling and analysis required before export to the EU).

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