

**[BFAD MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1-A s. 1986,
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**AMENDMENTS TO BFAD MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR DATED 01
JULY 1986 CONCERNING THE GUIDELINES FOR MONITORING OF
FOODSTUFFS IMPORTED FROM EUROPE AND CHINA FOR
CONTAMINATION WITH RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Pursuant to further directives of the Minister of Health, the monitoring of foodstuffs for radioactive contamination as a consequence of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor accident in Kiev, USSR, shall include foodstuffs imported from all countries, instead of only China and European countries.

The following amended guidelines are, therefore, promulgated for this purpose for the information, guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

1. Importers are required to secure a Certificate of Analysis for Radioactive Content or a Certificate of Assurance/Clearance from the responsible government authority in the country of origin. The Certificate/Clearance should state that the particular shipment of foodstuffs being exported to the Philippines is not contaminated with fallout radionuclides and the levels of Cesium 137 and Cesium 134 therein do not exceed the limits for these radioactive elements set forth by the Philippine Government.
2. Importers shall notify the BFAD Unit at the Bureau of Customs of the expected date of arrival of their shipment.
3. Samples will be collected by BFAD officials from every incoming shipment with or without the required radioactivity certificate/clearance from the country of origin and these samples shall be immediately submitted to the Philippine Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) for radioactivity tests. The BFAD shall not authorize release from the bonded warehouse nor the sale/distribution of the shipment of foodstuffs in question until a satisfactory result of analysis has been obtained from PAEC, in which case the BFAD shall inform the importers accordingly in writing.
4. Imported foodstuffs subject to monitoring for radioactive elements are listed in Annex "A". (See below)

Annex "A"

The following imported food products shall be monitored for radioactive elements. The corresponding limits indicated hereto are based on the recommendation of the Philippine Atomic Energy Commission and the Interagency Nuclear Accident Preparedness Committee.

**Radioactivity
Limits**

**Cs 137 & Cs
134 (Bq/Kg)**

MILK PRODUCTS

Liquid Milk	15(Bq/L)
Milk Powder (Full Cream/Non-Fat)	22
Whey Powder	22
Anhydrous Milk fat/Butterfat	22
Cream	33
Cheese/Curd	22
Butter/Raw Butter	

FOOD FOR INFANTS/YOUNG CHILDREN	22
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FRUIT PRODUCTS

Fruit Purees/Concentrates	8
Fruits in Syrup/Brine	8
Jams/Jellies/Marmalades	8
Other Preserved Fruits (raisins, dates, glazed fruits, etc.)	8

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS

Purees/Concentrates/Flakes	22
Pickled/Salted/Dried/Powdered	22
Vegetable Starches	22
Protein Hydrolysates	22

MEAT PRODUCTS

Meat Pastes/Spreads/Extract	6*
Corned Beef/Luncheon Meat	6*
Ham/Pork Shoulders	6*
Sausages	6*

CEREAL PRODUCTS

Oatmeal	6
Corn Flakes/Mea	6
Malt Extract	6

FISH/MARINE PRODUCTS	28
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OTHER PRODUCTS

Cocoa Powder/Chocolate Drink	22
Tonic Food Drink	22
Chocolate Bars/Chocolate	22
Candies	22
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