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Fisheries General  
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**SUBJECT: Pre and Post Border Requirements in the Application of SPS Clearance for Importation of Fish/Fishery Products from Japan**

In view of the recent nuclear emergency in Japan, all applications for Sanitary /Phytosanitary (SPS) Clearance for the importation of fish and fishery products originating from Japan shall be accompanied by results of laboratory examinations from the competent authority of Japan showing that the fish or fishery product to be imported conforms with the guidance levels for representative radionuclides in foods following accidental nuclear contamination pursuant to Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) Administrative Order No. 01 Series of 2009, to wit:

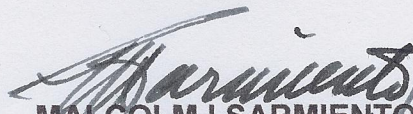
**Foods Destined for General Consumption**

Dose per unit intake factor (Sv/Bq)	Representative radionuclides	Level (Bq/kg)
10 <sup>-6</sup>	241Am, 239Pu	10
10 <sup>-7</sup>	90Sr	100
10 <sup>-8</sup>	131I, 134Cs, 137Cs	1000

Shipments of fish and fishery products from Japan that have been landed or are in transit prior to the date of issuance of this Memorandum Order shall not be released to the consignee by the Fisheries Quarantine Officers at the port of entry unless results of laboratory examinations show that samples thereof conform to the above-mentioned guidance levels.

Costs of pre and post border laboratory examinations shall be borne by the importer.

This Memorandum Order takes effect immediately.

  
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