



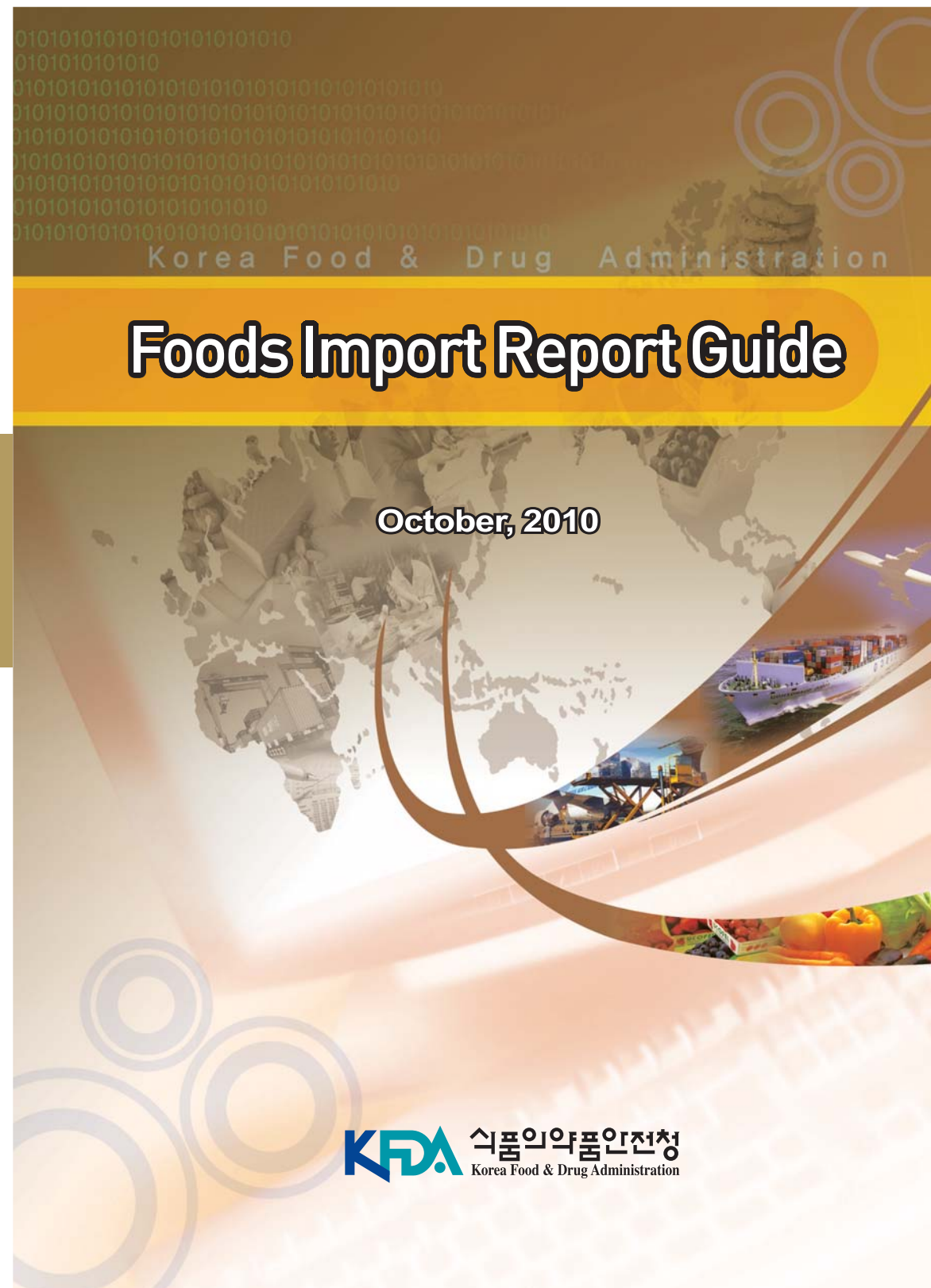
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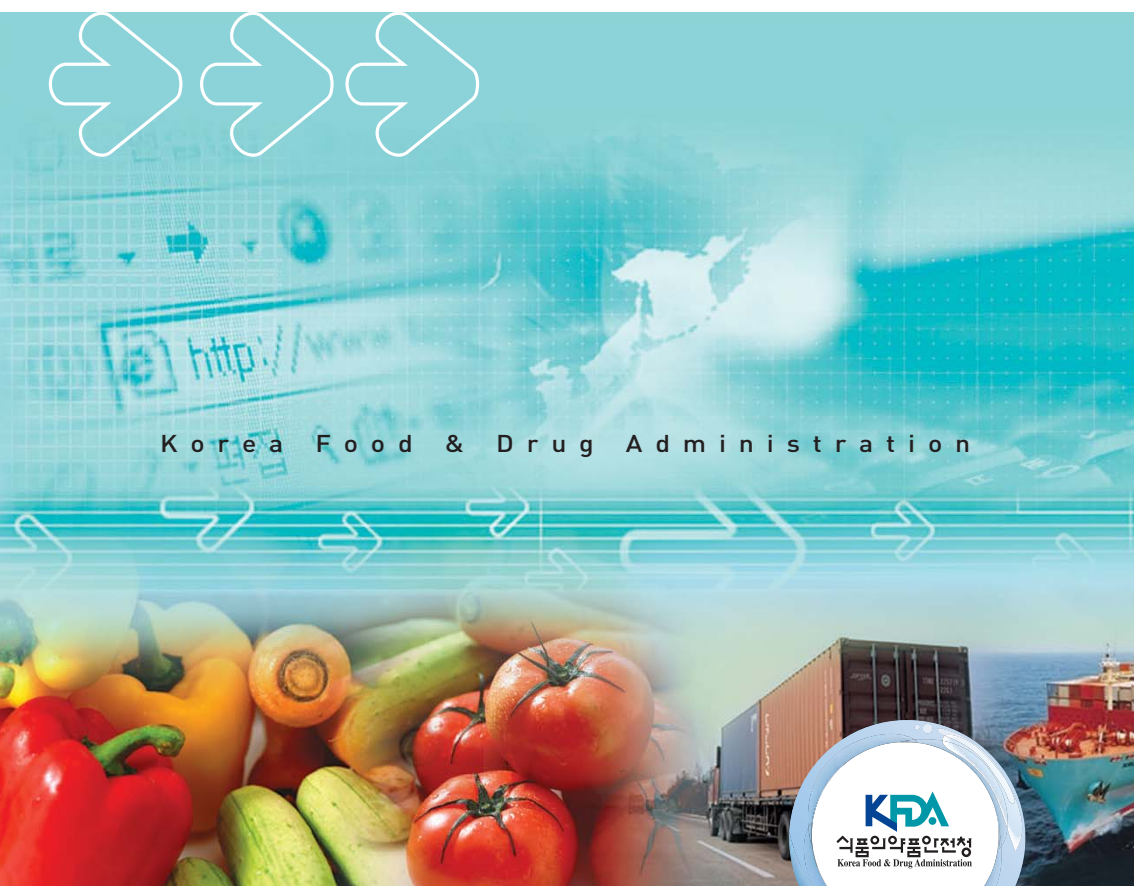
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Scope required for Food Import Report

Foods or Health functional foods imported for commercial purposes

Food Sanitation Act				Health Functional Food Act
Agricultural Products	Processed Foods	Food Additives	Utensils, Containers & Packages	Health Functional Foods
				

Competent Authority

- Imported Agricultural Products, Processed Foods, Food Additives, Utensils, Containers & Packages or Health Functional Foods
→ **KFDA (Korea Food and Drug Administration)**
- Imported Livestock, Livestock products (including Dairy products)
→ **NVRQS (National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service)**
- Packaged meat, milk & dairy products(butter, cheese), hamburger patties, meat ball and other processed products which are stipulated by Livestock Sanitation Management Act
- Imported Marine products
→ **NFIS (National Fisheries Products Quality Inspection Service)**
- Fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, dehydrated, eviscerated marine produce which can be recognized its characteristics

Please be reminded of this checklist before you report

What you need to check	Competent division in KFDA	Website
1 Ingredients	Food Standard Division (+82-2-380-1690)	http://fse.foodnara.go.kr/origin
2 Conformance to standards (Agricultural or Processed)		http://www.foodnara.go.kr/portal/site/kfdportal/infotelegram
3 Conformance to standards (Additive, Utensils, Containers)	Food Additive Division (+82-2-380-1687)	http://fa.kfda.go.kr
4 Material specification (Utensils, Containers & Packages)		
5 Conformance to Standards (Health Functional Foods)	Health Functional Food Standard Division (+82-2-380-1317)	http://hfoodi.kfda.go.kr
6 Labelling(Foods, Additive, Utensils)	Food Safety Policy Division (+82-2-380-1726)	
7 Labelling or Health claim (Health Functional Foods)	Nutrition Policy Division (+82-2-380-1311)	

Ingredients(material) specification and processing flow are required to be considered before you report

How to report

- You can access to UNI-PASS (<http://portal.customs.go.kr>)
- User Registration
Business registration → Application for ID → Registration of certificate of authentication → Approval request
※ Anyone who requested for approval is expected to visit Customs Service.
- Food Import Report via UNI-PASS



Guide to import report for each category of foods

You can access to (www.foodnara.go.kr/importfood)

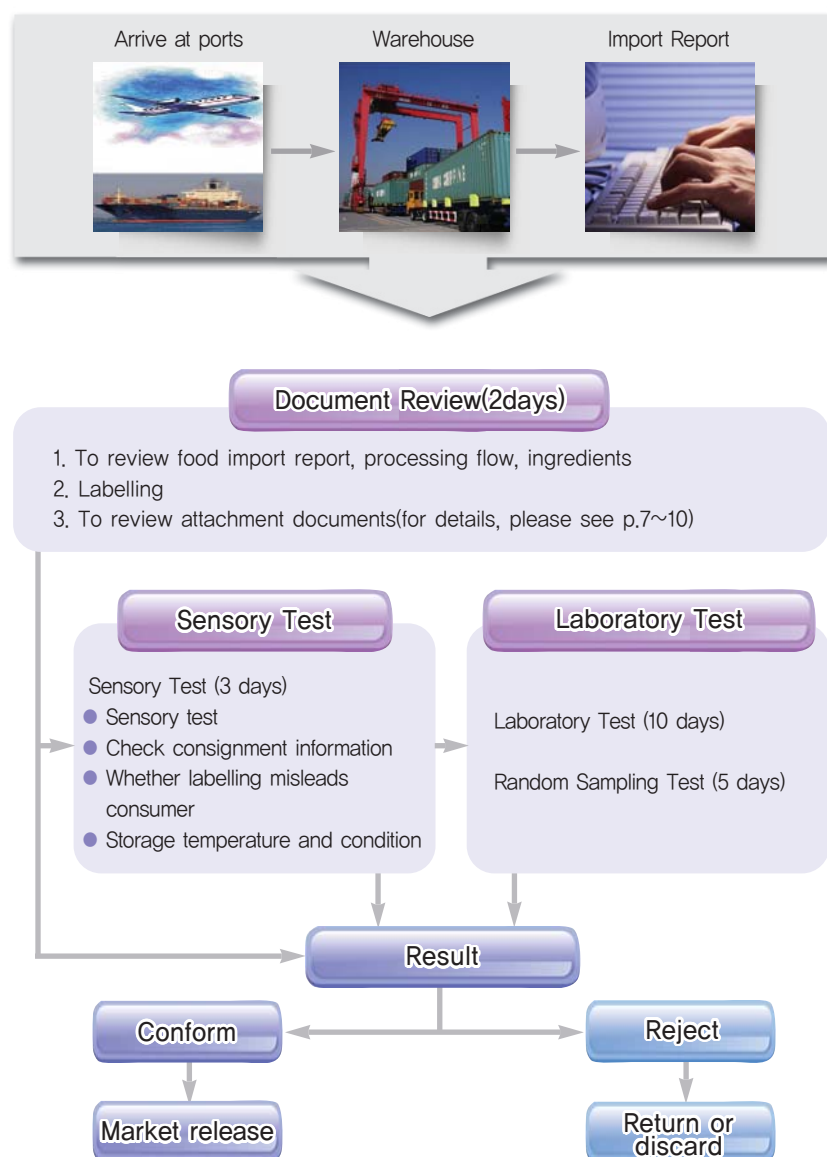


Food Import Report,
Inspection procedure

Video Clip
"how to report"

- Agricultural Products
- Processed Foods
- Food Additives
- Health Functional Foods
- Utensils, Containers & Packages

Inspection Procedure for Imported Foods



Please be reminded when you report

Category of Foods

- Agricultural Products : fresh, chilled, dehydrated, frozen or minimally processed products
- Processed Foods
- Food Additives
- Utensils, Containers & Packages : in contact with foods or food additives
- Health Functional Foods

Purpose of Import

- For sale : registered importer can import foods for sale
- For processing : registered food manufacturer can import foods for processing

Address of Manufacturer / Processor

- It is required to state address of place where the product is actually manufactured or processed
- It is not admitted to state address of headquarter or distribution office

Ingredients, Components, Materials

- Foods : Name of every ingredients or components has to be stated.
- Quantity of food additives has to be stated when the food additives have limitation in use in Korea Food Additive Code.
- Utensils, Containers & Packages : Every food-contact materials has to be stated

Processing flow

- Processing flow and solvent / enzyme used have to be stated



Details on Inspection of Imported Foods

Same Product

- Factors determining the same product from the same company
 - Processed foods, food additives : importer · country of origin · manufacturer · product name · processing flow and every ingredients are identical
 - Agricultural products : importer · country of origin · manufacturer · category of produce · exporter and packer are identical
 - Utensils, containers & packages : importer · country of origin · manufacturer · food-contact material and color are identical

Type of Inspection

- Document Review (2 days)
 - Once the product conforms with standard as a result of laboratory test, the next consignment of the same product goes to document review
 - Ingredients for processing
 - Flavour(food grade) and utensils · containers made with woods or stones
- Sensory Test (3 days)
 - Once agricultural produce conforms with standard as a result of lab analysis, the next consignment of the same produce goes to sensory test
 - Any product which is required for checking characteristics(flavor, taste, color), storage, labelling and/or package
- Laboratory Test (10 days, 14 days for canned or retort foods)
 - The first import of a product
 - The product with rejection record or risk information from various sources
 - In case that standards or specification has been changed
- Random Sampling Test (5 days)
 - Products are chosen by KFDA system according to annual random sampling plan

Analysis Certificate / Organic Certificate

Laboratory Analysis Certificate

- KFDA commissioner approves overseas laboratories after on-site inspection
 - Certificate of analysis issued by overseas laboratories can be substituted for inspection at the border
 - ☞ For Information of Approved Overseas Laboratories (www.kfda.go.kr)
 - ☞ ENGLISH (an enhanced button at the top of the page)
- ※ Please check an operating country and scope of analysis for each laboratory

Organic Certificate

- Scope : imported foods labelled "organic"
- A copy of organic certificate is required to submit which can be issued by organic certification bodies accredited by IFOAM or by exporting country
 - Transaction certificate or Ingredient list can be required to confirm
- ※ From 2011, any product labelled "organic" will be required to be certified according to 'Food Industry Promotion Act' (for details of organic certification, please contact National Agriculture Products Quality Management Service)

Documents related to Genetically Modified Organisms

Scope of GMO labelling

Foods contained soybean, corn, cottonseed, rapeseed, sugar beet or it's sprouts as main ingredients(up to the 5th largest ingredients in contents)

	Scope of GM Labelling	Exempt from GM Labelling
Agricultural products	• LMOs which KFDA approves to import	• IP Handling or Export Certificate has been submitted to prove ※ unintentional adulteration : not more than 3%
Processed Foods	• Processed foods which contained GMO as ingredients	• Isolated agricultural produce from GM which attached with IP Handling or Export Certificate ※ unintentional adulteration : not more than 3% • Including GM ingredients, but – contents of GM ingredient is less than the 5th largest ingredients – analysis certificate ca prove that any GM ingredients do not exist in final good ※ soysauce, oil, sugar, alcoholic beverages, etc

► For import of Living Modified Organisms(Agricultural products genetically modified), Approval is expected to be made by 'Trans-boundary Movement of Living Modified Organisms Act' prior to import(www.gmo.kfda.go.kr)

< Data factors required in analysis certificate >

- Product Info. : product name(Korean, English), manufacturer, importer, address, date of manufacture(lot number), sample size(kg), packaging, sample description, date of analysis
- Analysis Info. : DNA extraction method, quantity of specimen used for a series of DNA extraction, times of extraction, DNA purity, DNA concentration, type of kit used for PCR analysis, primer, concentration and quantity of extraction DNA, repeated times of PCR testing, detection limit of PCR testing

Where to label	Main side of product	Next to name of ingredient
Claim	'GMO' or 'including Genetically Modified OO'	'Genetically Modified OO' or 'may contain GM OO'
How to label	Each package of product is required to label with distinguished colour larger than 10 point. Label is recommended to print or to carve seal or mark.	

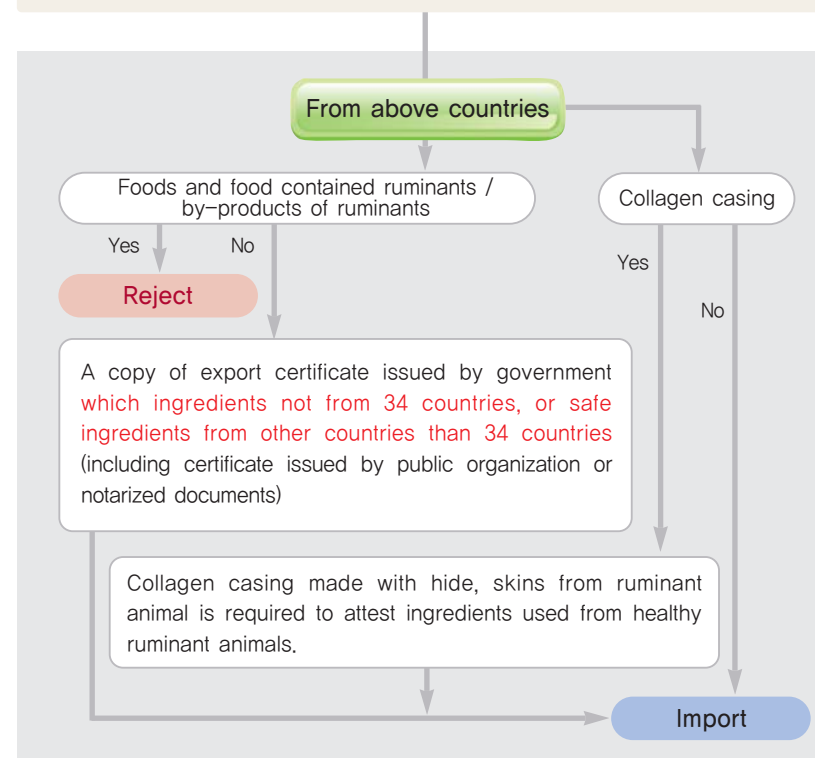
Import requirements related to BSE

Scope of requirement

- Foods and food additives contained ruminants / by-products of ruminants (except for milk & dairy products and collagen casing)

Countries reported BSE confirmed case

UK, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, USA, Ireland, Denmark, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Sweden, Finland, Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Japan, Israel, Canada (34)





Requirements for Health Functional Foods

Classification of Health Functional Foods

Without Pre-approval

- Functional ingredients / products which risk assessment has been conducted by KFDA
- When this type of product is imported, it goes to Lab test whether it conforms with standards

Required for Pre-approval

- Functional ingredients / products which risk assessment has not been conducted by KFDA are required for pre-approval
- Please contact Health Functional Food Standard Division

Comparison between functional ingredients and product

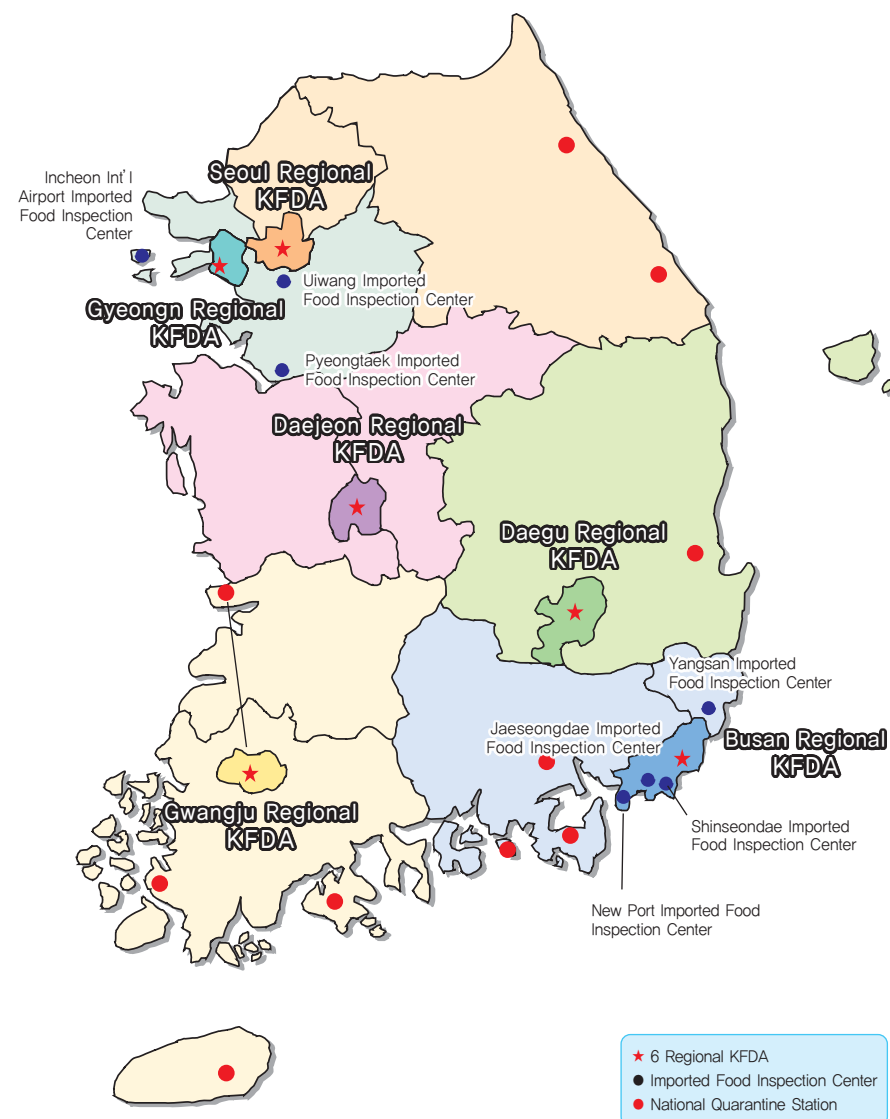
Ingredients

- Packed in bulk or in large volume of units for further processing / manufacture
- Semi-products can be included which are mixed with minor ingredients such as fructose, starch, glucose or seasoning

Products

- Final goods which consumer can have in retail and which have appearance of tablet, capsule, powder, liquid, granule, flake, paste, syrup, gel, jelly or bar
- Every ingredients, Health claim(functionality), Daily dose/intake, caution(allergy, side effects etc.) are labelled on the package for consumer

Geographical Mark of Regional KFDA Offices





Contact Details of KFDA

WTO Enquiry Point

- International Trade and Statistics office
 - Tel : +82-2-380-1661
 - Fax : +82-2-356-2893
 - wtokfda@korea.kr

Food Import Matter

- Food Import Division
 - Tel : +82-2-380-1734
 - Fax : +82-2-388-6392

Labelling

- Food Safety Policy Division
 - Tel : +82-2-380-1726
 - Fax : +82-2-388-6396
- Nutrition Policy Division
 - Tel : +82-2-1311
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Standard and Specification

- Food Standard Division
 - Tel : +82-2-1690
 - Fax : +82-2-382-4892
- Food Additive Standard Division
 - Tel : +82-2-380-1687
 - Fax : +82-2-354-1399
- Health Functional Food Standard Division
 - Tel : +82-2-380-1317
 - Fax : +82-2-359-0025

Useful Materials and Website

Relevant Rules

- Food Sanitation Act
 - Food Code
 - Food Additive Code
 - Food Labelling Standard
 - Inspection Guideline for Imported Foods
 - Genetically Modified Food Labelling Standard
- Health Functional Food Act
 - Health Functional Food Code
 - Health Functional Food labelling Standard
 - Inspection Guidelines for Imported Health Functional Foods

Websites

- Korea Food and Drug Administration
 - www.kfda.go.kr
 - www.foodnara.go.kr/importfood (Information on Imported Foods)
- Korea Customs Service
 - www.customs.go.kr
- Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
 - www.mifaff.go.kr
 - www.nvrqs.go.kr (National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service)
 - www.npqqs.go.kr (National Plant Quarantine Service)
 - www.nfis.go.kr (National Fisheries Products Quality Inspection Service)
 - www.naqs.go.kr
(National Agriculture Products Quality Management Service)

