

Revision of indicator value for diarrhetic shellfish toxin (Okadaic acid group) in Bivalves

Background

Under the provision of Article 6 (2), no person shall sell, or handle, manufacture, import, process, use, prepare, store or display with intent to sell any food or food additive which contain or bear toxic or injurious substances or which are suspected to contain or bear these substances.

The MHLW will revise the indicator of diarrhetic shellfish toxin in bivalves, which is used to judge compliance with the above provision.

Proposed revision

The indicator of diarrhetic shellfish toxin in bivalves will be changed to 0.16mg okadaic acid equivalent/kg from 0.05MU/g in edible parts.

(The proposed indicator value conforms to Codex Standard (CODEX STAN 292-2008).)

Notes

The food and additives which contain or are covered with toxic or harmful substances or are suspected to contain or be covered with such substances shall not be sold or collected, produced, imported, processed, used, cooked, stored, or displayed for the purpose of marketing, based on section 2, Article 6 of the Food Sanitation Law.