**Food Sanitation Law is the fundamental law to confirm the safety of food.**

**Submitting of Import Nortification to MHLW Quarantine Station is prescribed in Article No,27 of the law.**

※Explain along under flow chart

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/importedfoods/1-1.html>

After the submission of notification, the food sanitation inspector at the quarantine station inspects the product to examine whether the item meets the regulations under the Food Sanitation Law.

During the document examination, the food sanitation inspector validates the following items, based on the information reported in the Notification Form. The judgement will be made based on the information, such as the country of export, imported items, manufacturer, the place of manufacture, ingredients and materials, methods of manufacturing and use of additives.

- Whether the imported food, etc. complies with the manufacturing standards regulated under the Food Sanitation Law.  
- Whether the use of additives complies with the standards.  
- Whether poisonous or hazardous substance is contained.  
- Whether the manufacturer or the place of manufacturing has a record of sanitation problem in the past.

※ （Reference information）

Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, etc. Under the Food Sanitation Act

<http://www.jetro.go.jp/en/reports/regulations/pdf/foodext2010e.pdf>

Import procedure shoud be completed at responsible Quarantine Station,depending on entry port of cargo.

Each division at designated Quarantine Station are listed on MHLW website.

Please consult a Quarantine Station or JETRO for dairy products.

※Quarantine Station are listed on MHLW website

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/importedfoods/1-2.html>

※JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization)

<http://www.jetro.go.jp/>