

○ Other activities

FSC uses its website to update information in an easy-to-understand format on such topics as BSE, Avian influenza, and other foodborne illnesses. The Commission also began providing information through its e-mail newsletters (FSC e-magazine). In addition, it also publishes brochures that introduce the Commission's activities, leaflets for children, glossaries on food safety, and the quarterly journal "Food Safety" (in general, four publications a year); and produced the DVD "Ki ni naru shokuhin tenkabutsu (Worrisome Food Additives)", "Risk communication tool "Nani wo tabetara yoinoka? Kangaeru tame no hinto" –issho ni kangaeyou, shoku no anzen- ("Tips on Thinking About Food Safety" –Let's Think Together About Food Safety-)."



○ Providing information via Comprehensive Information System for Food Safety

The "Comprehensive Information System for Food Safety" is a database of information on food safety held by FSC. The database can be accessed through the Commission's website, and a range of information can be searched from a menu screen as shown in the next page (in Japanese).

3. Responses to emergency situations

The Commission developed procedures for responding to large-scale food safety emergency situations, carrying out simulated emergency response training sessions using the scenario of a large-scale foodborne illness. In fiscal 2007, the FSC conducted tabletop simulation drills in union with risk management agencies, namely the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare; the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; and the Ministry of the Environment. Through these drills, it strengthened frameworks for responding to emergency situations.

When the frozen food poisoning case occurred in January 2008, government bodies responded in unison. The FSC coordinated with related agencies to provide accurate information based on scientific knowledge through its website, and conducted risk assessments on the pesticides ascribed as the cause of the food poisoning.

