

4. Survey and research programs

○ Survey and examination programs

FSC conducts surveys and examinations necessary for carrying out its risk assessment and other duties. It manages extensive surveys for information of food safety and analytical examinations related to a variety of food hazards. The FSC conducted 15 research programs during fiscal 2007.

○ Research and development programs

For the purpose of promoting science-based risk assessments, the FSC has been conducting a competitive grant program for research and development to contribute to the formulation of risk assessment techniques. The priorities for research areas are specified in advance by FSC and applications are then invited and preliminarily reviewed. The FSC conducted 25 research and development programs during fiscal 2007.

Comprehensive Information System for Food Safety

Documented Information and Information on Hazards

Information on food safety	Domestic and overseas information on food safety collected by FSC
Information on meetings	Agenda, handouts, minutes, etc. on meetings of the FSC and Expert Committees
Information on research and surveys	Information on surveys and research conducted by the FSC
Fact sheets	Fact sheets published by FSC
Q&A	Comments to the Food Safety Hotline, reports received from Food Safety Monitors, and associated comments from government ministries
Glossary	Terms related to food safety
Database cross-referencing	Cross-referencing of terms from the above six areas

Food risk assessment and management measures

Search by assessed item	Detailed information of FSC risk assessments, the status of measures implemented by relevant government ministries, and related information by item assessed.
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Information categorized into food safety themes

Search by theme	Information held by FSC or other government ministries for each key theme related to food safety (BSE, etc.)
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