

- (10) when intending to enact, amend, or abolish the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Ordinance provided in Article 11, Article 15, paragraph 4 (2) or (3), paragraph (6) or Article 19 of the Poultry Slaughtering Business Control and Poultry Meat Inspection Law (Law No. 70 of 1990);
- (11) when intending to erase or exclude the name of additives in accordance with the provisions of Article 2-2, paragraph 1 of Supplementary Provisions of The Law Concerning Amendments to the Food Sanitation Law and the Nutrition Improvement Law (Law No. 101 of 1995);
- (12) when intending to form a plan for enactment, amendment, or abolishment of the Cabinet Order provided in Article 6, paragraph 1 of the Law Concerning Special Measures against Dioxins (Law No. 105 of 1999);
- (13) when intending to enact, amend, or abolish the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Ordinance provided in Article 7, paragraph 1 or 2 of the Law concerning Special Measures against Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Law No. 70 of 2002); and
- (14) in addition to those cited in the preceding items, cases provided by the Cabinet Order.
2. In cases falling under the proviso of the preceding paragraph (limited to cases recognized by the related ministers as falling under Article 11, paragraph 1 (3)), related ministers shall report such fact to the Commission and hear its opinions within a certain period of time after the formulation of policies to ensure the safety of the food.
3. In addition to cases provided in paragraph 1, related ministers may hear the Commission's opinions if they are recognized as necessary for formulating policies to ensure food safety. **(Request for submission of materials, etc.)**
- Article 25** The Commission may request that the heads of related administrative bodies submit materials, opinions, and explanations and provide other necessary cooperation, if it is recognized to be necessary for performing office duties under its jurisdiction.
- (Entrustment of investigation)**
- Article 26** The Commission may entrust necessary investigations to incorporated administrative agencies, juristic persons incorporated in accordance with the provisions of Article 34 of the Civil Code of Japan (Law No. 89 of 1896), enterprises and other private bodies, prefectural experimental and research institutes, or persons of learning and experience, if it is recognized to be necessary for performing office duties under its jurisdiction.
- (Request in an emergency)**
- Article 27** The Commission may request that the research institutes of related national administrative bodies conduct an investigation, analysis, or examination necessary for the assessment of the effect of food on health if it is recognized to be necessary for coping with emergency situations that cause or are liable to cause serious damage concerning ensuring food safety.
2. If the research institutes of related national administrative bodies receive a request from the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, they shall promptly implement the requested research, analysis, or examination.
3. The Commission may request that related ministers make a demand in accordance with the provisions of Article 13, paragraph 1 of the Incorporated Administrative Agency, National Institute of Health and Nutrition Law (Law No. 180 of 1999) or a request in accordance with the provisions of Article 12, paragraph 1 of the Incorporated Administrative Agency, National Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center Law (Law No. 183 of 1999), Article 18, paragraph 1 of the Incorporated Administrative Agency, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization Law (Law No. 192 of 1999), Article 13, paragraph 1 of the Incorporated Administrative Agency, National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences Law (Law No. 194 of 1999), or Article 15, paragraph 1 of the Incorporated Administrative Agency, Fisheries Research Agency Law (Law No. 199 of 1999), if it is recognized to be necessary for coping with emergency situations that cause or are liable to cause serious damage to the ensuring of food safety.
- (Organization)**
- Article 28** The Commission shall be organized by seven commission members.
2. Three out of the seven Commission Members shall be part-time members.
- (Appointment of Commission Members)**
- Article 29** With approval from both Houses, the Prime Minister shall appoint Commission Members who have superior insight into ensuring food safety.
2. In spite of the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Prime Minister may appoint Commission Members who have qualifications as provided in the preceding paragraph, if he/she cannot obtain approval on the appointment from both Houses due to the Diet's closing or the dissolution of the House of Representatives in cases where the term of the Commission Members has expired or a vacancy for a Commission Member arises.
3. In cases falling under the preceding paragraph, the Prime Minister shall obtain subsequent approval from both Houses at the first Diet session after the relevant appointment. If the Prime Minister cannot obtain subsequent approval from both Houses in such a case, the Prime Minister shall immediately dismiss the Commission Member.
- (Term of the Commission Member)**
- Article 30** The term of the Commission Member shall be three years, provided that the term of a substitute Commission Member shall be the remaining term of his/her predecessor.
2. The Commission Member may be reappointed.
3. If the term of the Commission Member has expired, the relevant Commission Member shall perform his/her duties until a successor is appointed.
- (Dismissal of the Commission Member)**
- Article 31** With approval from both Houses, the Prime Minister may dismiss the Commission Member if the Commission member is recognized as being incapable of performing his/her duties due to physical or mental disability or if recognized as constituting a violation of his/her official obligations or other delinquency inappropriate for a Commission Member.
- (Service of the Commission Member)**
- Article 32** The Commission Member shall not disclose secrets that he/she has come to know through his/her duties. The same shall apply even after he/she leaves the office.
2. The Commission Member, while in office, shall not serve as an officer of a political party or other political association or actively take part in political movements.
3. The full-time Commission Member, while in office, shall not engage in another job for remuneration, run a commercial enterprise, or conduct any other business for the purpose of financially gain except where he/she has received permission from the Prime Minister.
- (Allowance of the Commission Member)**
- Article 33** The salary of the Commission Member shall be provided by a separate law.
- (Chairperson)**
- Article 34** The position of Chairperson shall be established in the Commission and the Chairperson shall be appointed by full-time Commission Members by a mutual vote among the Commission Members.
2. The Chairman shall administrate the duties of the Commission and shall represent the Commission.
3. In the event that the Chairperson has an accident, the full-time Commission Member who has been designated in advance by the Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.
- (Meeting)**
- Article 35** The Commission shall be assembled by the Chairperson.
2. The Commission shall not hold a meeting nor make any decisions without the attendance of the Chairperson and at least three Commission Members.
3. The proceedings of the Commission shall be determined by the majority of attendees, and in cases in which the Commission is evenly divided, it shall be as determined by the Chairperson.
4. With respect to the application of the provisions of paragraph 2 about cases in which the Chairperson is in an accident, the Committee Member provided in paragraph 3 of the preceding article shall be deemed to be the Chairperson.
- (Expert Commission Member)**
- Article 36** The Commission may request an Expert Commission Member to examine and deliberate on specialized matters.
2. The Prime Minister shall appoint the Expert Commission Member from persons of learning and experience.
3. The Expert Commission Member shall be dismissed at the completion of the examination and deliberation of the relevant specialized matters.
4. The Expert Commission Member shall serve on a part-time basis.
- (Secretariat)**
- Article 37** The Commission shall establish the Secretariat to deal with clerical work.
2. The Secretariat shall have the necessary officials as well as the Secretary-General.
3. The Secretary-General shall administer the duties of the Secretariat at the behest of the Chairperson.
- (Delegation to Cabinet Order)**
- Article 38** In addition to matters provided in this Chapter, necessary matters regarding the Commission shall be provided by Cabinet Order.

Chapter IV Additional Clauses

Abbreviation