

Role of the Food Safety Commission

FSC comprises seven commissioners who have professional expertise in food safety issues. Within the Commission, 14 Expert Committees have been established, 11 of which are dedicated to implementing individual risk assessments of such materials as food additives and pesticides.

Organization of the Food Safety Commission and Secretariat

Members of the Food Safety Commission

Takeshi Mikami (Chairperson)
Naoko Koizumi (Deputy Chairperson)
Taku Nagao, Masao Hirose, Kazumasa Nomura,
Keiko Hatae, Seiichi Honma

Expert Committees (composed of a total of about 250 experts)

- Planning
- Risk communication
- Emergency response

[Assessment Groups]

- Chemical Substance Assessment Groups
(Food additives, Pesticides, Veterinary medicines, Apparatus/containers and packages, Chemical substances, Contaminants and other toxins)
- Biological Materials Assessment Groups
(Microorganisms/Viruses, Prions, Natural toxins/mycotoxins, and other related agents)
- Emerging Foods Assessment Groups
(Genetically modified foods, and other related agents, Novel foods, Feed/fertilizer)

Secretariat (Director-General, Deputy Director-General, 4 Divisions, 1 Director)

- General Affairs Division
- Risk Assessment Division
- Recommendation and Public Relations Division
- Information and Emergency Response Division
- Director for Risk Communication