

except for a strict inspection process before custom clearance:

Inspection procedures are, in general, as follows:

When imported food and food products arrive at the port of entry, the importer notifies the national quarantine office.

Four kinds of inspections exist for imported food and food products conducted by the national quarantine offices:

- inspection by documents
- inspection by colour, taste and smell test
- inspection by chemical test
- inspection by written indications

Imported food and food products and their relevant inspection methods are summarized as below:

IMPORTED FOOD PRODUCTS

RELEVANT INSPECTION METHOD

- FOOD IMPORTED FOR FOREIGNER'S USE, FOOD MATERIALS FOR RE-EXPORT AND FOOD FOR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH PURPOSE

- INSPECTION BY DOCUMENT

- FRUITS, FROZEN FOODS, AGRICULTURAL & FISHERY PRODUCTS

- INSPECTION BY COLOUR, TASTE & SMELL TEST

- FOODS WHICH ARE NOT CLASSIFIED INTO THE ABOVE TWO CATEGORIES

- INSPECTION BY CHEMICAL TEST

- FINISHED FOOD PRODUCTS WHICH WILL BE SOLD IN THE DOMESTIC MARKET WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL TREATMENT SUCH AS RE-PROCESSING OR RE-PACKING

- INSPECTION BY WRITTEN INDICATIONS (CHECK WHETHER THE INDICATIONS ARE WRITTEN AS REQUIRED)

The following items should be written on the imported food and food products in the Korean language.

1. Name of the product
2. Name of importer
3. Registration number of business license