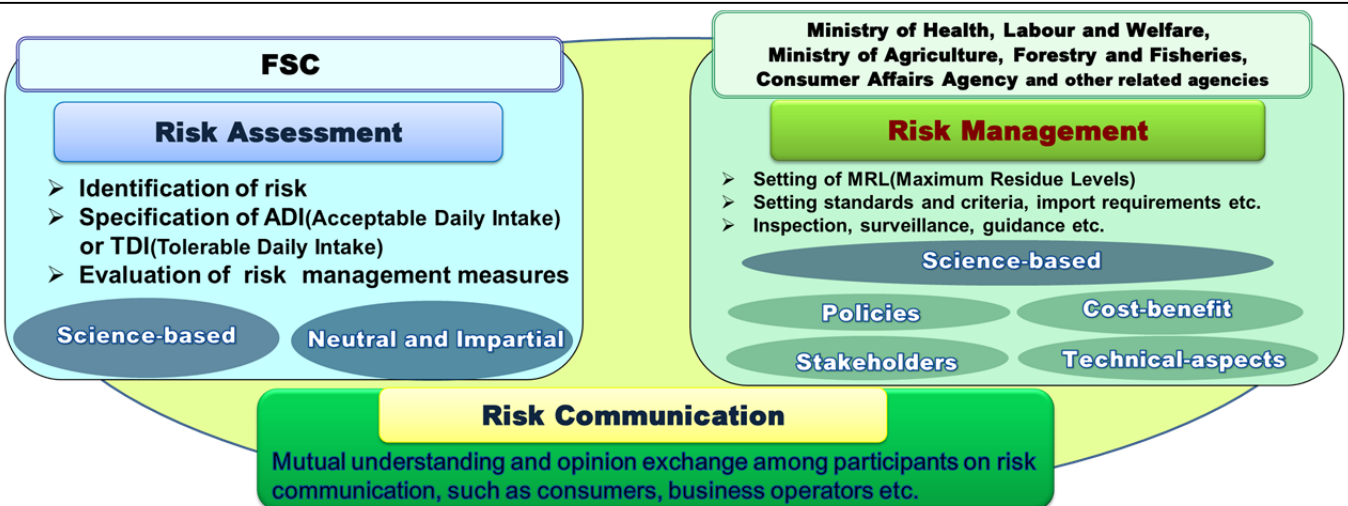


Ensuring Food Safety Based on Science

Food Safety Commission Secretariat

Risk Analysis for Food Safety in Japan

- Risk analysis is a comprehensive approach to control and reduce risks of any adverse health effects from food-related hazards. Risk analysis consists of three components: risk management, risk assessment and risk communication.
- Relevant ministries and agencies work in close cooperation with each other to ensure food safety based on the concept of risk analysis.



Risk Assessment

- Risk assessment is to evaluate scientifically the risk of food additives, pesticides, microorganisms and other potential hazards relating foods.
- FSC consists of 7 commissioners, over 200 experts and approx. 100 secretariat staff.
- FSC has conducted more than 1,500 risk assessments since its establishment in July 2003.

Food Safety Commission (FSC): 7 Commissioners

12 Expert Committees :over 200 experts (scientist) in total.

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| - Planning | | |
| - Food Additives | Chemical Substances | Biological Materials |
| - Pesticides | | |
| - Veterinary Medicinal Products | | |
| - Apparatus and Containers/ Packages | | |
| - Chemical and Contaminants | | |
| | | Novel Foods |
| | - Microorganisms and Viruses | |
| | - Prions | |
| | - Natural Toxins and Mycotoxins | |
| | - Genetically Modified Foods | |
| | - Novel Foods | |
| | - Feed, Fertilizers | |

Secretariat: 60 officials and 40 others

Risk Communication

- Risk communication is the interactive exchange of information and opinions among risk assessors, risk managers, consumers and other related parties.
- FSC provides information of its risk assessment and engages in risk communication in cooperation with risk management ministries and agencies and local governments.

For details → <http://www.fsc.go.jp/english/index.html>