



Statement about radiation monitoring
on Japanese imported products

【Manama, June 12, 2011】 --It is unfortunate that we have learned that the authority has issued a statement on 11th of June that the Bahraini government has taken step to monitor Japanese imported products due to concerns over nuclear radiation at Fukushima plant in Japan; all goods in general are to be inspected and examined at all land, sea and air entry points in addition to foods, which has been already banned to be imported into the country if they are not attached with certifications that mention the food is free from radiation.

The Embassy of Japan already showed concerns about this basic ban on importing Japanese food. We would like people in Bahrain to know that food produced in area where the nuclear plant is located is severely monitored by the Japanese authorities and if they are found containing radiation which exceed the level set by the international organization (the International Commission on Radiological Protection) are prohibited from going into the market, which means that those contaminated Japanese food is never exported to foreign countries.

As for products other than food, they are also checked by private sectors about radiation when they are shipped from Japan. No contaminated products exported from Japan have been found in the world since the nuclear problem happened.

Japanese electric goods and cars are among products which we see everywhere in Bahrain and we are happy that these products are favored by many Bahrainis for many years, and we are hoping that they continue to be available to people in Bahrain without any problems.

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