

(Attachment 1)

Handling of Spices and Herbs

1. In the wake of the establishment of Paragraph 3, Article 11 of the Food Sanitation Law, two new food categories have been added to the corresponding food groups in the type “spices and herbs”: the ‘other spices’ category to the “spices” group and the ‘other herbs’ category to the “herbs” group. The definitions of ‘spices’ and ‘herbs’ are shown below:
2. Spices and herbs refer to flavorsome or aromatic leaves, stems, barks, roots, rhizomes, flowers, buds, seeds, fruits, or fruit skins (including peels) of variety of plants, which are used in relatively small amounts to impart special flavors to food and beverages.
3. Spices refer to aromatic barks, roots, rhizomes, buds, seeds, fruits or fruit skins (including peels) derived from a variety of plants, which are used in relatively small amounts to flavor food and beverages.

Spices

Hemp seed, asafetida root, asafetida rhizome, ajowan seed, anise seed, fennel seed, turmeric root, turmeric rhizome, allspice fruit, orange peel, zedoary root, zedoary rhizome, Chinese pepper fruit, cassia bark, kaffir lime fruit, galangal root, galangal rhizome, cardamom seed, cardamom fruit, licorice root, licorice rhizome, caraway seed, gardenia fruit, cumin seed, clove bud, poppy seed, caper bud, pepper fruit, sesame seed, coriander seed, saffron pistil, Japanese pepper fruit, Japanese basil seed, cinnamon bark, juniper berry fruit, ginger, star anise fruit, horseradish, celery seed, tamarind fruit, dill seed, hot pepper, nutmeg seed kernel, nutmeg seed skin (mace), nigella seed, garlic, basil seed, parsley seed, vanilla fruit, paprika, paradise grain seed, rose fruit (rose hip), fenugreek seed, pink pepper fruit, mustard seed, *unshu* orange peel, *yuzu* (Chinese lemon) peel, lemon peel, long pepper fruit, and *wasabi* (Japanese horseradish) rhizome.

“Other spices” refer to the above listed spices, except orange fruit skin, sesame seed, ginger, horseradish, hot pepper, garlic, paprika, Chinese lemon skin, lemon skin and *wasabi* (Japanese horseradish) rhizome.

Paprika does not include fresh vegetables called ‘paprika.’

4. Herbs refer to leaves, stems, roots, and flowers of a variety of mainly herbaceous plants, which are used in relatively small amounts as condiments to flavor foods and beverages. They are used in fresh or dried form.

Herbs

Anise leaf, anise stem, angelica, fennel leaf, fennel stem, shallot, oregano, kaffir lime leaf, chamomile, curry plant, curry leaf, catnip, caraway leaf, caraway stem, watercress, coriander leaf, coriander stem, savory, salad burnett, Japanese pepper leaf, Japanese basil leaf, Japanese basil flower head, jasmine, stevia, sage, celery leaf, celery stem, scented geranium, sorrel, thyme, polygnum, tarragon, dandelion, chive (including *asatsuki*), chervil, dill leaf, dill stem, *Houttuynia*

cordata, nasturtium, worm wood, green chive, hibiscus, basil leaf, basil stem, parsley leaf, parsley stem, mint, rose, hyssop, bergamot, borage, corn salad (marsh), mustard leaf, mustard stem, marjoram, zingiber mioga, yarrow, felon herb, lavender, linden, rocket salad, rhubarb, lemongrass, lemon balm, lemon verbena, rosemary, laurel, *wasabi* (Japanese horseradish) leaf and leaf stalk.

“Other herbs” refer to the above listed herbs, except watercress, celery leaf, celery stem, green chive, parsley leaf and parsley stem.

“Shallot” does not include Japanese shallots. Mint means herbs of *Mentha*, *Lamiaceae*, including spearmint and peppermint. “Mustard leaf and stem” include mustard green. “*Wasabi* leaf and leaf stalk” include the flower stalks of *wasabi*.