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**ANSA**

All Nippon Spice Association

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**全日本スパイス協会**  
*All Nippon Spice Association*



# Outline of ANSA

- Established : 1962
- Members : 27 leading spice companies  
in Japan
- Mission :  
To enlarge consumption of spices in  
Japan by supplying safe products stably  
and by improving quality continuously.

# Current Issue(1)

- Legal approval of irradiation on spices.
  - Completely banned on food except usage for anti - sprouting of potato. No limit is set.
  - ANSA applied approval on spices in 2000.
    - Several violation were found recently at monitoring by Ministry of Health, Welfare and Labor.
  - Strong anti-irradiation sentiment of consumer group.
  - More monitoring at time of custom clearance in 2009FY(600 cases)
  - Increasing risk of violation.



Official risk assessment on irradiation on food is required.

# Current Issue(2)

- Agricultural Chemical Residue on Spices
  - Helped government to set reasonable limit of agricultural chemical residue on spices in 2006.  
But not perfect yet.
  - Keep providing data to make the limit more reasonable.

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Thank you

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