

Commencement of Food Analysis Services

Hitachi Capital Corporation has agreed with Hitachi Kyowa Engineering Co.,Ltd. (main office: Hitachi-City, Ibaraki; president and CEO: Yoshifumi Ohmori) to jointly provide food analysis services that conform to the Positive List System for residual pesticides.

1. Purpose of the Service

Pursuant to the increasing interest in food safety and reliability, the Japanese government launched in May 2006 the Positive List System* for residual pesticides.

All foodstuffs, including processed food products, are subject to the system for all pesticides, antibiotics, synthetic antimicrobials, etc. Producers, processors, and distributors of agricultural products must therefore more carefully manage their products.

Based on our management policy to provide financial services that are tailored for customers and communities, we have promoted an agriculture business in tune with communities as a high priority business. By creating and providing the services concerning food safety and reliability with Hitachi Kyowa Engineering, we will further strengthen our relationship of trust with existing customers and attract new customers.

* Positive List System is a system that, more than ever before, strictly controls pesticides, etc., contained in food products, and prohibits the sale of foodstuffs with excess residual pesticides.

2. Flow of services

| | Customer | Hitachi Capital | Hitachi Kyowa Engineering |
|--|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| ① Application (Complete the application and send by fax) | ○ | → ○ | |
| ② Send samples | ○ | → | ○ |
| ③ Accept samples (after acceptance, notify scheduled analysis completion date) | ○ | ← | ○ |
| ④ Food analysis | | | ○ |
| ⑤ Report results | ○ | ← | ○ |
| ⑥ Payment (debited against account designated by customer) | ○ | → ○ | |

3. Tests

| Test | Necessary amount | Lead time (business days) | Test | Necessary amount | Lead time (business days) |
|--|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| ① Set of 200 analyses for all agricultural residual pesticides | 1kg or more | 3 to 5 days | ④ Set of compost analyses | 500g or more | 10 days |
| ② Set of 100 analyses for all agricultural residual pesticides | 1kg or more | 3 to 5 days | ⑤ Set of water quality analyses | 1L or more | 3 to 5 days |
| ③ Set of soil analyses | 500g or more | 10 days | ⑥ Set of crop analyses | 500g or more | 10 days |

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