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Radiation detected in beef from Fukushima

Beef from Fukushima Prefecture has been found to contain levels of radiation that exceed Japan's safety standards.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government announced on Friday that it had detected 2,300 becquerels per kilogram of radioactive cesium in beef from a cow raised in a Minami Souma. The national limit is 500 becquerels per kilogram.

The Tokyo Government says the beef was not made available to consumers.

Japan's Health Ministry says this is the first time that beef has been found with such high levels of radioactivity following the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. The ministry has requested 6 prefectures near Fukushima to step up checks on beef.

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