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Following is text letter dated May 6 received by Department from

Food and Drug Administration:

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**BEGIN TEXT.** This replies to request from Ambassador Allison for tolerance which can be applied Japan to monitoring tuna fish for radioactivity. Tolerance we propose designed pass only those tuna or other fish which are entirely safe for consumption even when fish form large part of diet over many years for individuals of all ages and in wide range of health found in general population.

In making this recommendation we have consulted with AEC. Best available guides to radiation protection are recommendations of International Commission on Radiological Protection and of National Committee on Radiation Protection. Recommended tolerance is within limits of safety established by those groups as published in National Bureau of Standards Handbook 92. As applied to general population it desirable use value of not more than 10% of figures given in Handbook 92.

We recommend fish be rejected if gamma radiation at distance 5 centimeters from surface of fish exceeds 0.1 milliroentgens per hour (0.1 MR/HR). This measurement to be made 14 days after atomic explosion. (Twenty-one days after

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