

# New Japanese Functional Food Labelling

In April 2015, the Japanese Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) started a new labeling system for food functional ingredients, namely, **“Food with Function Claims (FFC).”**

Like the DSHEA in the US, food manufacturers can make a claim for food function based on their own responsibility regarding the evidence for both safety and effectiveness.

The requirements are as follows:

1. Show scientific evidence of its safety
2. Prepare a quality management system for production and manufacturing
3. Prepare an information collecting system for health damage
4. Show scientific evidence for the claimed health benefit
5. Proper labeling

JFRL has contributed to 83% of the analyses data in their application documents as of November 2015 (Figure 1).

[Schematic view of FFC]

Before April 2015



After April 2015



\* Industries can indicate health claims under their own responsibility, if their food meets certain requirements

**FOSHU**: Food for Specified Health Uses

**FNFC**: Food with Nutrient Function Claims

**FFC**: Food with Function Claims

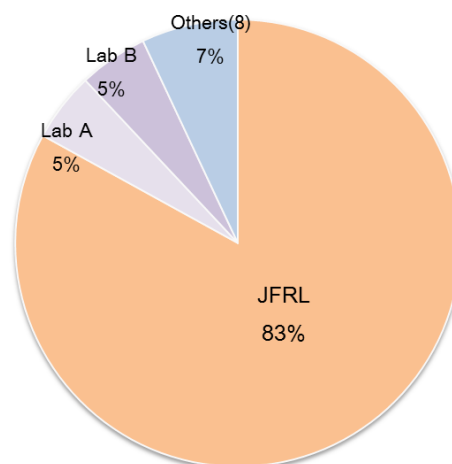


Figure 1

According to the CAA site, 83% of the products are tested by JFRL for its quality control data of functional food ingredients (November 2015).

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