

# Foundation of Japan Metal Household Inspection Center

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## 1. History before starting inspection society (1917----1958)

- The export of the metal European food tableware before having *Export Commodities Regulation Act* were mostly spoons, forks, and knives, and more than 90% of them were made in Tsubame.
- The export products were inspected by administrative institution of Niigata-ken at that time. The inspector pertained to the official, resided to Tsubame European Food Tableware Industrial Association, established in 1926, and executed the visiting inspection to each maker.
- In 1948, the *Export Commodities Regulation Act*, and in December, 1949, the 3-grade-export standard of Japan Industrial Standard (JIS) for the European food tableware were enacted, makers were allowed to inspect autonomously.
- After that, due to the viewpoint that in order to improve the whole quality level of their products with the development of the export, the makers strongly demanded the unified inspection. So that, the Inspection Department of Export Metallic European Food Tableware was established in the Tsubame European Food Tableware Industrial Cooperative Association in April, 1951.
- The autonomous inspection was continued until the society became a appointed inspection institution according to the article 16 of the new *Export Inspection Act* (1957) in January 27, 1958, when the inspection utility of metallic European food tableware started. The utility of inspection of metal European food tableware had already been continued for around 40 years.

## 2. Foundation of Japan Metal European Food Tableware Inspection Society (1957----1988)

The general society was established on November 22, 1957, started its utility on January 27, 1958.

Inspection items: The European products of metal food tableware and cooker (goods made of aluminum, aluminum alloy, antimony alloy, silver, tin, and their castings, except the enameled products).

Additional inspection items (December 1, 1964): The metal European food tableware contained barbecue set, wood-made condiment boxes (except that made of board with thickness less than 2.5 mm and that of Japanese-style without painting or coating acajou resin).

Cooperated in accreditation service of the Association Registration Design (1969).

Appointed inspection institute for exporting clasp pocket knife (1970).

Diploma receiving from the head of Trade Department of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (February, 1973).

Embark on the utility of internal testing and inspection (1973).

Embark on the accreditation utility of SG mark products based on *Consumption and Existence Product Safety Act* (1973).

## 3. Foundation of Japan Metal Household Inspection Center(1988-present)

Renamed Foundation of Japan Metal Household Inspection Center (December, 1988).

End the utility of export inspection (December, 1994).

On December 1, 2008, registration at ISO 9001 certification. Up to the present.



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