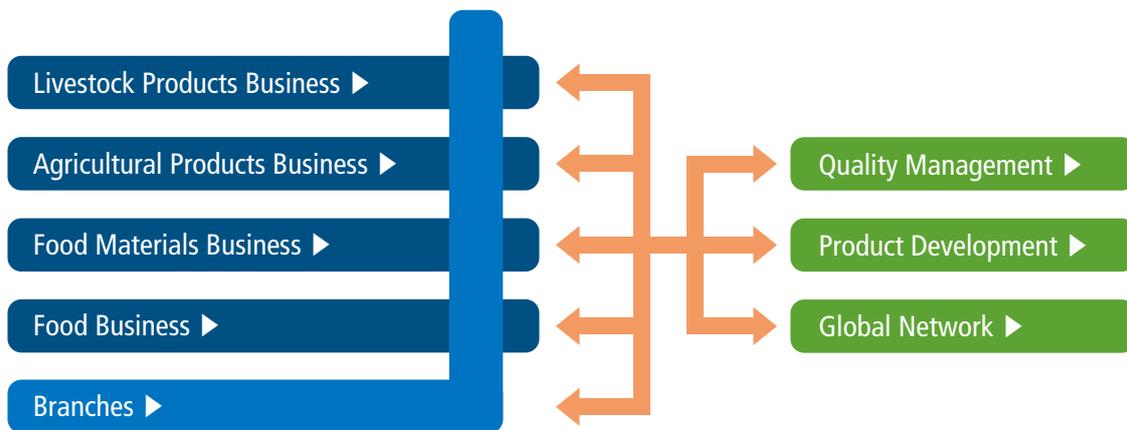
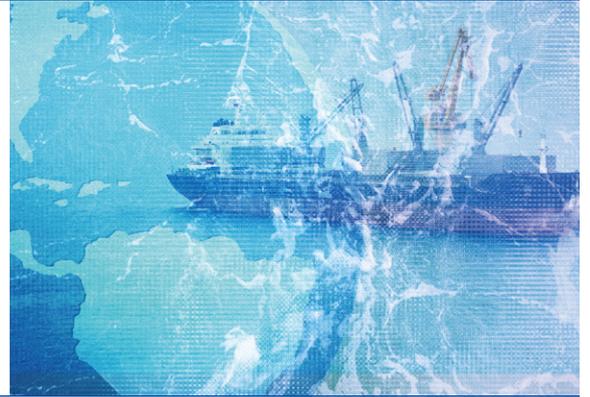


## SOFCO's Business

### Capitalizing on the comprehensiveness to create extra value that meets customers' needs

SOFCO is a sogo shosha (general trading company) that specializes in food, offering a wide range of items including livestock materials, agricultural and fishery materials, sugar and basic materials and food products. Capitalizing on the strength arising from the comprehensiveness, we systematically combine advanced specialist functions associated with logistics, quality management and product development to create unique value and deliver safe, reliable food to people around the world.



Our products are divided into four categories: livestock products, agricultural and fishery materials, sugar and food materials, and distribution and logistics. They cover all domains related to food (see Products), and this comprehensive coverage gives us a great advantage. We deliver these products all over the country from Hokkaido to Okinawa through our three branches: the Northern Japan Branch, the Nagoya Branch and the Kansai Branch.

We boast the functions of quality management, product development and the logistics business. They constitute a system for developing these extensive products concerned with the four business segments, whether they are raw or processed, into optimal products in accordance with customers' needs and delivering them to customers while ensuring safety and reliability. We have combined these technical functions systematically with product-specific segments to develop and offer products and services matched with the needs of individual customers.

As a core company of the Sojitz Group in the food sector, we recognize the global network of the Sogo Shosha as another significant advantage for us. In addition to our conventional function of procuring food items from overseas, we have been working in recent years to expand overseas business operations such as food supply, production and processing and support for overseas entries, mainly in rapidly growing Asia.