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Report Highlights:

The Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed two sets of revisions. One is for Japan's maximum residue levels for seven agricultural chemicals (Acrinathrin, Dazomet, Metam and Methyl isothiocyanate, Flutianil, Fosthiazate, Inpyrfluxam, Spirotetramat, Sulfoxaflor, and Dibutylhydroxytoluene) for various agricultural commodities. The second is for the CAA's proposal to eliminate 32 food additives from Japan's "List of Existing Food Additives." Interested U.S. parties should submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov for plant products, TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov for animal products, and PPTRD@usda.gov for processed products by October 28, 2024. The CAA will also notify these proposed revisions to the World Trade Organization.

General

On October 15, 2024, the Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed regulatory revisions at the 263rd Food Safety Group meeting.

Agenda 1

The CAA proposed revisions of Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the following six pesticides and one feed additive.

Pesticides

- Acrinathrin
- Dazomet
- Metam and Methyl isothiocyanate
- Flutianil
- Fosthiazate
- Inpyrfluxam
- Spirotetramat
- Sulfoxaflor

Feed additive

- Dibutylhydroxytoluene

Agenda 2

The CAA also proposed to delist 32 food additives from the "List of Existing Food Additives." The CAA justified the proposed deletions because of the lack of distribution in Japan. Delisting will prohibit their usage as food additives after September 4, 2025.

For details of Japan's proposal, please review the attached document distributed by the CAA, which was shared electronically with Tokyo-based embassies. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments about plant-related proposals to PlantDivision@usda.gov, animal-related proposals to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov, and proposals for processed products to PPTRD@usda.gov by October 28, 2024. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization (WTO), providing another opportunity to submit comments.

Attachments:

[263rd FSG\(English\).pdf](#)