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**Report Highlights:**

The Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed three sets of revisions. One is for Japan's maximum residue levels for three agricultural chemicals (Fluazinam, Flupyrimin, and Mandestrobin) for various agricultural commodities. The second is for the CAA's proposal to eliminate provisional MRLs of 26 agricultural chemicals which MHLW could not confirm their use in Japan. The last is for establishment and revision for food additives. Interested U.S. parties should submit their comments to [PlantDivision@usda.gov](mailto:PlantDivision@usda.gov) for plant products, [TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov](mailto:TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov) for animal products, and [PPTRD@usda.gov](mailto:PPTRD@usda.gov) for processed products by January 24, 2025. The CAA will also notify these proposed revisions to the World Trade Organization.

## **General**

In December 2024, the Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed regulatory revisions at the 264th Food Safety Group meeting.

### **Agenda 1**

The CAA proposed revisions of Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the following three pesticides:

- Fluazinam
- Flupyrimin
- Mandestrobin

### **Agenda 2**

The CAA also proposed to delete MRLs of 26 agricultural chemicals (listed in the Appendix #2 of the attachment) due to lack of their usage domestically. The CAA would like to conduct a survey to the U.S. entities to understand whether the listed chemicals are actively used in the United States. If any chemical is used and its MRL needs to be maintained, the CAA would like the form (Appendix #3) to be filled and submitted with supporting scientific data set.

### **Agenda 3**

The CAA proposed to newly establish specifications as food additives for (1) rubber and (2) amino acid-sugar reaction product. The CAA also proposed to revise the specification as food additive for cyclodextrin.

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](mailto:PlantDivision@usda.gov), animal-related proposals to [TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov](mailto:TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov), and proposals for processed products to [PPTRD@usda.gov](mailto:PPTRD@usda.gov) by January 24, 2025. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization (WTO), providing another opportunity to submit comments.

## **Attachments:**

[264th FSG English.pdf](#)