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Report Highlights:

The Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan has proposed a mandate that manufacturers of enzymes used as food additives provide the biological names of enzyme-producing microorganisms. This additional requirement would be applied to 70 enzymes currently approved as food additives in Japan. By October 1, 2025, interested U.S. parties should submit their comments to PPTRD@usda.gov for processed products.

General

On September 17, 2025, the Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed regulatory revisions at the 269th Food Safety Group meeting.

Agenda 1:

The CAA proposed to mandate that manufacturers for enzymes as food additives to provide the biological names of enzyme-producing microorganisms. This additional requirement will be applied to 70 enzymes that are currently approved as food additives in Japan.

For details of Japan's proposal pertaining to the 70 approved enzymes as food additives that would be subject to the proposed regulatory changes, reference the attached document distributed by the CAA. The CAA digitally shared the document with Tokyo-based embassies. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments about plant-related proposals to PPTRD@usda.gov by October 1, 2025.

Attachments:

[269th FSG \(English\).pdf](#)