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Report Highlights:

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for 7 agricultural chemicals (Sulfoxaflor, Pyraflufen-ethyl, Bentiavalicarb-isopropyl, Polyoxorim-zinc, Polyoxin complex, Spinosad, as well as Pyrantel and Morantel) for various agricultural commodities. Furthermore, MHLW proposes to designate a feed additive (Benzoic acid) as a "Substance having no potential to cause damage to human health", which will exempt it from maximum residue limit (MRL) establishment. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov for plant products and to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov for animal products by January 12, 2022.

General

On December 21, 2021, at the 245th Food Safety Group meeting, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the following seven agricultural chemicals.

Pesticides:

- Sulfoxaflor
- Pyraflufen-ethyl
- Bentiavalicarb-isopropyl
- Polyoxorim-zinc
- Polyoxin complex

Pesticides and Veterinary drugs:

- Spinosad

Veterinary drugs and Feed Additives:

- Pyrantel and Morantel

In addition, MHLW proposed to designate a feed additive, Benzoic acid, as a "Substance Having No Potential to Cause Damage to Human Health". Such a designation would exempt benzoic acid from specific requirements related to maximum residue levels (Japan's current list of exempted substances can be found at <https://www.ffcr.or.jp/en/positive-list-system---exempted-substances.html>.)

Please consult the attached document distributed by MHLW for details of Japan's proposals. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MHLW shared the document electronically with Tokyo-based embassies. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments about plant-related proposals to PlantDivision@usda.gov and animal-related proposals to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov by January 12, 2022. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Attachments:

[FSG245 \(English\).pdf](#)