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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 (Triflumizole, 1-Naphthaleneacetic acid, Flometoquin, Bentazone, Metominostrobin, Etoxazole and Permethrin) for various agricultural commodities. MHLW also proposed to newly designate potassium hydrogen carbonate as a food additive. Furthermore, MHLW proposes to delist 3-Acetyl-2,5-dimethylfuran (ADF) from the approved food additives. 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 March 3, 2022.

General

On February 18, 2022, at the 246th 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:

- Triflumizole
- Naphthaleneacetic acid
- Flometoquin
- Bentazone
- Metominostrobin

Pesticides and Veterinary drugs:

- Etoxazole
- Permethrin

In addition, MHLW proposed to designate Potassium hydrogen carbonate as a food additive. Lastly, MHLW proposed to delete 3-Acetyl-2, 5-dimethylfuran from an approved food additive list.

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 March 3, 2022. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Attachments:

[FSG246 \(English\).pdf](#)