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### **Japan Notifies WTO of Revised Tetradifon Residue Standards**

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**Report Highlights:**

On June 17, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the agricultural chemical, Tetradifon, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/654](#). The public comment period for the draft will close on August 16, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point ([us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov](mailto:us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov)). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by August 2, 2019.

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**General Information:**

On June 17, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the agricultural chemical, Tetradifon, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/654](#). Japan's proposed changes to the MRLs for Tetradifon can be found [here](#), or below in Annex-1.

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*(The following is taken from Japan's notification)*

**Annex 1 – Japan's Revised MRL for Tetradifon**

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Corn (maize, including pop corn and sweet corn)	•	5
Soybeans, dry	•	5
Beans, dry <sup>1</sup>	•	5
Peas	•	5
Broad beans	•	5
Other pulses <sup>2</sup>	•	5
Potato	•	5
Taro	•	5
Sweet potato	•	5
Japanese yam (including Chinese yam)	•	5
Konjac	•	5
Other potatoes <sup>3</sup>	•	5
Sugar beet	•	5
Japanese radish, roots (including radish)	•	1
Japanese radish, leaves (including radish)	•	1
Turnip, roots (including rutabaga)	•	1
Turnip, leaves (including rutabaga)	•	1
Horseradish	•	1
Watercress	•	1
Chinese cabbage	•	1
Cabbage	•	1
Brussels sprouts	•	1
Kale	•	1
Komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach)	•	1
Kyona	•	1
Qing-geng-cai	•	1
Cauliflower	•	1
Broccoli	•	1
Other cruciferous vegetables <sup>4</sup>	•	1
Burdock	•	1
Salsify	•	1
Artichoke	•	1
Chicory	•	1
Endive	•	1
Shungiku	•	1
Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce)	•	1
Other composite vegetables <sup>5</sup>	•	1
Onion	•	1
Welsh (including leek)	•	1

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Garlic	•	1
Nira	•	1
Asparagus	•	1
Multiplying onion (including shallot)	•	1
Other liliaceous vegetables <sup>6</sup>	•	1
Carrot	•	1
Parsnip	•	1
Parsley	•	1
Celery	•	1
Mitsuba	•	1
Other umbelliferous vegetables <sup>7</sup>	•	1
Tomato	•	1
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	•	1
Egg plant	1	1
Other solanaceous vegetables <sup>8</sup>	•	1
Cucumber (including gherkin)	• 0.5	1
Pumpkin (including squash)	•	1
Oriental pickling melon (vegetable)	•	1
Water melon	•	1
Water melon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.3	
Melons	•	1
Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 2	
Makuwauri melon	•	1
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables <sup>9</sup>	•	1
Spinach	•	1
Bamboo shoots	•	1
Okra	•	1
Ginger	•	1
Peas, immature (with pods)	•	1
Kidney beans, immature (with pods)	•	1
Green soybeans	•	1
Button mushroom	•	1
Shiitake mushroom	•	1
Other mushrooms <sup>10</sup>	•	1
Other vegetables <sup>11</sup>	•	1
Unshu orange, pulp	•	3
Unshu orange (whole commodity.)	○ 2	
Citrus natsudaidai, whole	• 2	3
Lemon	• 2	3
Orange (including navel orange)	• 2	3
Grapefruit	• 2	3

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Lime	• 2	3
Other citrus fruits <sup>12</sup>	• 2	3
Apple	1	1
Japanese pear	1	1
Pear	1	1
Quince	•	1
Loquat	•	1
Peach	•	1
Nectarine	•	1
Apricot	•	1
Japanese plum (including prune)	•	1
Mume plum	•	1
Cherry	•	1
Strawberry	• 0.7	1
Raspberry	•	1
Blackberry	•	1
Blueberry	•	1
Cranberry	•	1
Huckleberry	•	1
Other berries <sup>13</sup>	•	1
Grape	•	1
Japanese persimmon	•	1
Banana	•	1
Kiwifruit	•	1
Papaya	•	1
Avocado	•	1
Pineapple	•	5
Guava	•	1
Mango	•	1
Passion fruit	•	1
Date	•	1
Other fruits <sup>14</sup>	•	1
Sunflower seeds	•	1
Sesame seeds	•	1
Safflower seeds	•	1
Cotton seeds	•	1
Rapeseeds	•	1
Other oil seeds <sup>15</sup>	•	1
Ginkgo nut	•	1
Chestnut	•	1
Pecan	•	1

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Almond	●	1
Walnut	●	1
Other nuts <sup>16</sup>	●	1
Tea	● 0.7	1
Hop	●	60
Other spices <sup>17</sup>	○ 10	5
Spearmint	●	100
Peppermint	●	100
Other herbs <sup>18</sup> (except spearmint and peppermint)	●	1

● : Commodities for which MRLs are to be lowered or deleted.

○ : Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased or newly set.

Note: The residue definition is tetradifon only. The residue definition will not be changed.

\* The uniform limit 0.01 ppm will be applied to commodities for which draft MRLs are not given in this table and to commodities not listed above.

\* Shaded figures indicate provisional MRLs.

\* Diagonal line means deletion of a food category to which an MRL applies.

\* Food categories "Water melon", "Melons" and "Unshu orange, pulp" will be abolished and integrated into "Water melon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)" and "Unshu orange (whole commodity)", respectively, followed by the current food category system for MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in Japan.

1. "Beans, dry" including butter beans, cowbeans (red beans), lentil, lima beans, pegia, sultani, sultapya and white beans.
2. "Other pulses" refers to all legumes/pulses, except soybeans (dry), beans (dry), peas, broad beans, peanuts (dry) and spices.
3. "Other potatoes" refers to all potatoes, except potato, taro, sweet potato, yam and konjac.
4. "Other cruciferous vegetables" refers to all cruciferous vegetables, except Japanese radish roots and leaves (including radish), turnip roots and leaves, horseradish, watercress, Chinese cabbage, cabbage, brussels sprouts, kale, komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach), kyona, qing-geng-cai, cauliflower, broccoli and herbs.
5. "Other composite vegetables" refers to all composite vegetables, except burdock, salsify, artichoke, chicory, endive, shungiku, lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce) and herbs.
6. "Other liliaceous vegetables" refers to all liliaceous vegetables, except onion, welsh (including leek), garlic, nira, asparagus, multiplying onion and herbs.
7. "Other umbelliferous vegetables" refers to all umbelliferous vegetables, except carrot, parsnip, parsley, celery, mitsuba, spices and herbs.
8. "Other solanaceous vegetables" refers to all solanaceous vegetables, except tomato, pimienta (sweet pepper) and egg plant.

9. "Other cucurbitaceous vegetables" refers to all cucurbitaceous vegetables, except cucumber (including gherkin), pumpkin (including squash), oriental pickling melon (vegetable), watermelon, melons and makuwauri melon.
10. "Other mushrooms" refers to all mushrooms, except button mushroom and shiitake
11. "Other vegetables" refers to all vegetables, except potatoes, sugar beet, sugarcane, cruciferous vegetables, composite vegetables, liliaceous vegetables, umbelliferous vegetables, solanaceous vegetables, cucurbitaceous vegetables, spinach, bamboo shoots, okra, ginger, peas (with pods, immature), kidney beans (with pods, immature), green soybeans, mushrooms, spices and herbs.
12. "Other citrus fruits" refers to all citrus fruits, except unshu orange, citrus natsudaidai, lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime and spices.
13. "Other berries" refers to all berries, except strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry and huckleberry.
14. "Other fruits" refers to all fruits, except citrus fruits, apple, Japanese pear, pear, quince, loquat, peach, nectarine, apricot, Japanese plum (including prune), mume plum, cherry, berries, grape, Japanese persimmon, banana, kiwifruit, papaya, avocado, pineapple, guava, mango, passion fruit, date and spices.
15. "Other oil seeds" refers to all oil seeds, except sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, safflower seeds, cotton seeds, rapeseeds and spices.
16. "Other nuts" refers to all nuts, except ginkgo nut, chestnut, pecan, almond and walnut.
17. "Other spices" refers to all spices, except horseradish, wasabi (Japanese horseradish) rhizomes, garlic, peppers chili, paprika, ginger, lemon peels, orange peels (including navel orange), yuzu (Chinese citron) peels and sesame seeds.
18. "Other herbs" refers to all herbs, except watercress, nira, parsley stems and leaves, celery stems and leaves.