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**Report Highlights:**

On June 1, 2020, Japan implemented the positive list system for food container and packaging materials with a five-year transition period. This report identifies English language information published by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare about Japan's positive list system.

## General

On June 1, 2020, Japan implemented the positive list system for food container and packaging materials with a five-year transition period ([JA2020-0094](#)). At the time of implementation, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) began developing a corresponding English language site with information about Japan's positive list of [Utensils, Containers and Packaging materials](#). In addition to an overview of the positive list system, the website now includes a translation of the positive list ("[Appended Table 1](#)" in Japanese) split into two tables of approved substances ([Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#)) with corresponding [CAS registry numbers](#).

Although the list of substances is now available in English, some sections are yet to be translated, including the "Question and Answer" section. U.S. stakeholders are encouraged to regularly check the MHLW site as new information continues to be added in English.

During the five-year transition period, MHLW will continue to review substances to add to the positive list. Interested parties are encouraged to contact MHLW to request that additional substances be included into positive list.

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### **Attachments:**

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