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Report Highlights:

On June 2, 2020, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) announced revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for four agricultural chemicals (Oxathiapiprolin, Pydiflumetofen, Pyrimidifen, and Mefentrifluconazole) and two veterinary drugs (Tildipirosin and Nanafrocin). MHLW also intends to remove nine food additives, which are no longer distributed or used in Japan, from its list of approved food additives. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov by June 10, 2020. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed (i) changes to maximum residue levels of six agricultural compounds and (ii) withdrawal of nine food additives from the list of approved food additives. For details of the proposed revisions of the 232nd Food Safety Group (FSG), please see the attached MHLW document. Due to COVID-19-related concerns, in lieu of a regular FSG meeting, MHLW distributed the attached document to embassies based in Tokyo.

Attachments:

[FSG232 \(English\).pdf](#)