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Report Highlights:

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) announced revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for Oxazosulfyl, Cartap, Thiocyclam, Bensultap, Fenhexamid, Prohydrojasmon, Flometoquin, and Tildipirosin for various agricultural commodities. MHLW also proposes to designate Dipotassium L-tartrate, Metatartaric acid, and Calcium carbonate as approved food additives for grape wine. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov by September 10, 2020. Japan will subsequently notify these proposed revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

General

On September 1, 2020, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) announced revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for six pesticides (Oxazosulfyl, Cartap, Thiocyclam, Bensultap, Fenhexamid, Prohydrojasmon, and Flometoquin) and one veterinary drug (Tildipirosin). Japan is also moving toward approving the use of three food additives (Dipotassium L-tartrate, Metatartaric acid, and Calcium carbonate) for grape wine.

Details of Japan's proposed revisions as distributed by MHLW are attached. Due to COVID-19-related concerns, MHLW shared the attached 235th Food Safety Group document electronically with the embassies based in Tokyo. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov by September 10, 2020. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Attachments:

[FSG235 \(English\).pdf](#)