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**Report Highlights:**

On March 30, 2021, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare announced revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for 13 agricultural chemicals (Tolfenpyrad, Fenquinotrione, Flazasulfuron, Cypermethrin, Isometamidium, Eugenol, Chlorhexidine, Decoquinatate, Nafcillin, Nitroxinil, Virginiamycin, Mecillinam, and Menbutone) for various agricultural commodities. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to [PlantDivision@usda.gov](mailto:PlantDivision@usda.gov) by April 9, 2021. Japan will subsequently notify these MRL revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

## **General**

On March 30, 2021, at the 240th Food Safety Group meeting, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) announced revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for 13 agricultural chemicals. The chemicals included pesticides (tolfenpyrad, fenquinotriene, and flzasulfuron), a pesticide/veterinary drug (cypermethrin), and veterinary drugs (isometamidium, eugenol, chlorhexidine, decoquinatate, nafcillin, nitroxinil, virginiamycin, mecillinam, and menbutone).

Please consult the attached document distributed by MHLW for details of Japan's MRL proposal. Due to COVID-19, MHLW shared the document electronically with Tokyo-based embassies.

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## **Attachments:**

[240th FSG \(English\).pdf](#)