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Report Highlights:

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for 11 agricultural chemicals (Afidopyropen, Cyantraniliprole, Tetraniliprole, Picoxystrobin, Flufenoxuron, Pencycuron, Cyfluthrin, Ampicillin, Phenoxymethylpenicillin, Lubabegron, and Bacitracin) for various agricultural commodities. MHLW also proposed to exempt Abscisic Acid as a substance having no potential to cause damage to human health. Furthermore, MHLW proposed to designate Calcium L-Tartrate and Potassium Ferrocyanide as food additives. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov for plant products and to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov for animal products by April 11, 2022.

General

On March 31, 2022, at the 247th Food Safety Group meeting, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the following seven agricultural chemicals.

Pesticides:

- Afidopyropen
- Cyantraniliprole
- Tetraniliprole
- Picoxystrobin
- Flufenoxuron
- Pencycuron
- Cyfluthrin, Ampicillin
- Phenoxymethylpenicillin
- Lubabegron
- Bacitracin

Pesticides and Veterinary drugs:

- Cyfluthrin

Veterinary drugs:

- Ampicillin
- Phenoxymethylpenicillin
- Lubabegron

Veterinary drugs and Feed Additives:

- Bacitracin

In addition, MHLW proposed to designate a pesticide, Abscisic Acid, as a "Substance Having No Potential to Cause Damage to Human Health." This designation would exempt Abscisic Acid from specific requirements related to maximum residue levels (Japan's current list of exempted substances can be found at <https://www.ffcr.or.jp/en/positive-list-system---exempted-substances.html>.)

MHLW also proposed to designate Calcium L-Tartrate and Potassium Ferrocyanide as food additives.

Please consult the attached document distributed by MHLW for details of the proposals. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MHLW shared the document electronically with Tokyo-based embassies. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments about plant-related proposals to PlantDivision@usda.gov and animal-related proposals to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov by April 11, 2022. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Attachments:

[247th FSG \(English\).pdf](#)