

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

**Date:** June 08, 2022

**Report Number:** JA2022-0042

**Report Name:** Japan 248th Food Safety Group

**Country:** Japan

**Post:** Tokyo

**Report Category:** Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

**Prepared By:** Tomohiro Kurai

**Approved By:** Mariya Rakhovskaya

**Report Highlights:**

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for 9 agricultural chemicals (Etofenprox, Fenpyroximate, Florasulam, Fluensulfone, Tetraconazole, Cloxacillin, 1,2-Dichlorobenzene, Didecyldimethylammonium chloride, and Nicarbazin) for various agricultural commodities. Interested U.S. parties should submit their comments to [PlantDivision@usda.gov](mailto:PlantDivision@usda.gov) for plant products and to [TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov](mailto:TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov) for animal products by June 16, 2022. MHLW also opened a public comment period through July 15, 2022 for the proposed positive list for synthetic resin used for food apparatus, containers and packaging (ACP).

## General

On June 6, 2022, at the 248th 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 nine agricultural chemicals.

### Pesticides:

- Etofenprox
- Fenpyroximate
- Florasulam
- Fluensulfone
- Tetraconazole

### Veterinary drugs:

- Cloxacillin
- 1,2-Dichlorobenzene
- Didecyldimethylammonium chloride

### Veterinary drugs and Feed Additives:

- Nicarbazin

Please consult the attached document distributed by MHLW for proposal details. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MHLW shared the document electronically with Tokyo-based embassies. With regards to the proposed MRL revisions, FAS encourages interested U.S. parties to submit comments by June 16, 2022 about plant-related proposals to [PlantDivision@usda.gov](mailto:PlantDivision@usda.gov) and animal-related proposals to [TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov](mailto:TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov). Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

In addition, MHLW invites applications for new substances for the positive list for synthetic resins used for food apparatus, containers, and packaging (ACP) (see [https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage\\_25287.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage_25287.html)<https://www.ffcr.or.jp/en/positive-list-system---exempted-substances.html> for details about Japan's positive list). Japan will accept applications submitted to [kijunpa@mhlw.go.jp](mailto:kijunpa@mhlw.go.jp) through July 15, 2022.

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

## Attachments:

[248th FSG Document \(English\).pdf](#)