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**Report Highlights:**

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for 9 agricultural chemicals (Fosthiazate, Mepanipyrim, Pyriproxyfen, Tolclofos-methyl, Diaveridine, Glycalpyramide, Sulfathiazole, Tiopronin and Enramycin) for various agricultural commodities. MHLW also proposed to designate Nitarzone, Roxarzone, and Sodium nifurstyrenate as substances to be "not detected" in food. Furthermore, MHLW proposed to list smoke flavourings as a "substance having no potential to cause damage to human health". U.S. parties can submit comments by September 2, 2022 on MHLW's proposals 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.

## General

On August 19, 2022, at the 250th 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:

- Fosthiazate
- Mepanipyrim
- Pyrifluquinazon
- Tolclofos-methyl

### Veterinary drugs:

- Diaveridine
- Glycalpyramide
- Sulfathiazole
- Tiopronin

### Feed additive drugs:

- Enramycin

MHLW also designated three veterinary drugs (Nitarzone, Roxarzone, and Sodium nifurstyrenate) to be "Not Detected" in food (i.e., zero tolerance). Lastly, MHLW proposed to list smoke flavorings as a "substance having no potential to cause damage to human health". Substances in this list do not require to have MRL establishments in Japan.

Please consult the attached document distributed by MHLW for details of Japan's 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](mailto:PlantDivision@usda.gov) and animal-related proposals to [TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov](mailto:TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov) by September 2, 2022. Japan will subsequently notify these proposals to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

## Attachments:

[250th Food Safety Group \(English\).pdf](#)