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Report Highlights:

The Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for seven agricultural chemicals (Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl, Hexaconazole, Isopyrazam, Metaflumizone, Broflanilide, Teflubenzuron, and Phenoxyethanol) for various agricultural commodities. In addition, the CAA proposed revisions to the Positive List of synthetic resin used for Apparatus, Containers and Packaging (ACP). Interested U.S. parties should submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov for plant products, TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov for animal products, and PPTRD@usda.gov for processed products by May 22, 2024 for MRL revisions and by June 30, 2024 for the Positive List for synthetic resin.

General

On May 9, 2024, the Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed regulatory revisions at the 260th Food Safety Group meeting.

Agenda 1

The CAA proposed revisions of Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the following four pesticides, two pesticide and veterinary drugs, and one veterinary drug.

Pesticides:

- Benthiavalicarb-isopropyl
- Hexaconazole
- Isopyrazam
- Metaflumizone

Pesticide and Veterinary drugs:

- Broflanilide
- Teflubenzuron

Veterinary drug:

- Phenoxyethanol

Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments about plant-related proposals to PlantDivision@usda.gov, animal-related proposals to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov, and proposals for processed products to PPTRD@usda.gov by May 22, 2024. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization (WTO), which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Agenda 2

The CAA also proposed to add more substances to the Positive List of synthetic resin for Apparatus, Containers and Packaging (ACP) based on the approval of the Committee on Apparatus, Containers and Packaging of the Food Sanitation Council. The CAA plans to finalize and begin enforcing the Positive List on June 1, 2025.

For details of Japan's proposal, please consult the attached document distributed by the CAA. The CAA shared the document electronically with Tokyo-based embassies.

On May 8, 2024, the CAA notified the proposed revisions on the Positive List of synthetic resin for ACP to the WTO ([G/SPS/N/JPN/1263](https://www.wto.org/gsp/SPS/N/JPN/1263)). **Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments to PPTRD@usda.gov by June 30, 2024.**

Attachments:

[260th FSG \(English\).pdf](#)