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Report Highlights:

The Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed three sets of revisions. First, to Japan's maximum residue levels for 16 agricultural chemicals (Cyflumetofen, Flometoquin, Pyribencarb, Quinofumelin, Fenitrothion, Sulfachlorpyridazine, Sulfadiazine, Sulfadimethoxine, Sulfadimidine, Sulfadoxine, Sulfamethoxazole, Sulfamonomethoxine, Sulfamoyldapsone, Sulfisozole, Tylosin, and Sulfaquinoxaline) for various agricultural commodities. Second, the CAA proposed to designate the aqueous extract from the germinated seeds of sweet Lupinus albus, known as BLAD, as an exempt substance from having to establish an MRL. 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 July 30, 2024. Third, the CAA proposed revisions of the specifications and standards for apparatus, containers, and packaging. The CAA will notify the revisions to the WTO.

General

On July 16, 2024, the Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed regulatory revisions at the 261st Food Safety Group meeting.

Agenda 1

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

Pesticides:

- Cyflumetofen
- Flometoquin
- Pyribencarb
- Quinofumelin,

Pesticide and Veterinary drug:

- Fenitrothion

Veterinary drugs:

- Sulfachlorpyridazine
- Sulfadiazine
- Sulfadimethoxine
- Sulfadimidine (also known as Sulfamethazine)
- Sulfadoxine
- Sulfamethoxazole
- Sulfamonomethoxine
- Sulfamoyldapsone
- Sulfisozole
- Tylosin

Veterinary drug and feed additive:

- Sulfaquinoxaline

Agenda 2

The CAA also proposed to designate an aqueous extract from the germinated seeds of sweet *Lupinus albus*, known as Banda de *Lupinus Albus Doce* (BLAD), as a substance "having no potential to cause damage to human health." This designation will exempt the substance from having to establish an MRL.

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. Regarding agenda 1 and 2, 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 July 30, 2024. Japan will subsequently notify

these revisions to the World Trade Organization (WTO), which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Agenda 3

The CAA will revise the specifications and standards for Apparatus, Containers and Packaging (ACP). 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. The CAA will notify this revision to the WTO. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments through the WTO comment process.

Attachments:

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