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Report Highlights:

The Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan announced four sets of proposals. First was revisions on Japan's maximum residue levels for 9 agricultural chemicals (Dimpropyridaz, Fluxametamide, Isofetamid, Polyoxin complex, Pyraziflumid, Thifluzamide, Broflanilide, Dibutyl succinate, and Norgestomet) for various agricultural commodities. Second, the CAA proposed to revise the specifications for mineral water. Third, the CAA proposed revisions of the specifications and standards for apparatus, containers, and packaging. Lastly, the CAA announced a usage and attitude survey on eight existing food additives in a view of delisting from approved list for those not used. 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 February 28, 2025 (for the first and second agenda) and March 31, 2025 (for the forth agenda).

General

On February 14, 2025, the Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) of Japan proposed regulatory revisions at the 265th Food Safety Group (FSG) meeting. For details of Japan's proposals, please consult the attached document distributed by the CAA. The CAA shared the document electronically with Tokyo-based embassies.

Agenda 1

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

Pesticides:

- Dimpropyridaz
- Fluxametamide
- Isofetamid
- Polyoxin complex
- Pyraziflumid
- Thifluzamide

Pesticide and Veterinary drug:

- Broflanilide

Veterinary drugs:

- Dibutyl succinate
- Norgestomet

Agenda 2

The CAA also proposed to revise the specifications for sterilized or filter sterilized mineral water to include specifications for perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The proposed regulatory limit is 0.00005 mg per liter as the sum of PFOS and PFOA.

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 March 7, 2025. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization (WTO) a few months after FSG comment period, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Agenda 3

The CAA proposed to revise the specifications and standards for Apparatus, and Containers and Packaging (ACP). For more details, please consult the attached document distributed by the CAA.

Regarding the agenda 3, the CAA accepts comment through WTO channel by March 14 which Japan notified as [G/SPS/N/JPN/1319](#) on January 14, 2025.

Agenda 4

The CAA announced to conduct a usage and attitude survey on eight substances currently approved as food additives in Japan. This survey is in a view of eliminating from the approved additive list if not found in use. Therefore, those who wish to maintain any of these substances as approved food additives are strongly encouraged to fill in and report the attached excel sheet.

Regarding the agenda 4, interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments and the attached excel sheet to either PlantDivision@usda.gov, TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov, PPTRD@usda.gov, or AgTokyo@usda.gov by March 31, 2025.

Attachments:

[265th FSG \(English\).pdf](#)

[Survey Form.xlsx](#)