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Report Highlights:

On June 17, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the agricultural chemical, Bifenazate, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/652](#). The public comment period for the draft will close on August 16, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by August 2, 2019.

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General Information:

On June 17, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization of draft amendments to the maximum residue levels (MRL) for the agricultural chemical, Bifenazate, via [G/SPS/N/JPN/652](#). Japan's proposed changes to the MRLs for Bifenazate can be found [here](#), or below in Annex-1.

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(The following is taken from Japan's notification)

Annex 1 – Japan's Revised MRL for Bifenazate

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Soybeans, dry	0.3	0.3
Beans, dry ¹	0.3	0.3
Broad beans	0.3	0.3
Other pulses ²	0.3	0.3
Potato	0.05	0.05
Taro	0.05	0.05
Sweet potato	0.05	0.05
Japanese yam (including Chinese yam)	0.05	0.05
Asparagus	○ 0.5	
Tomato	1	1
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	2	2
Egg plant	2	2
Other solanaceous vegetables ³	3	3
Cucumber (including gherkin)	● 0.5	0.8
Pumpkin (including squash)	● 0.5	0.7
Oriental pickling melon (vegetable)	● 0.5	0.8
Water melon	●	0.3
Water melon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.5	
Melons	●	0.3
Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.7	
Makuwauri melon	●	0.8
Makuwauri melon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.5	
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables ⁴	0.5	0.5
Okra	2	2
Peas, immature (with pods)	7	7
Kidney beans, immature (with pods)	7	7
Green soybeans	7	7
Other vegetables ⁵	7	7
Unshu orange, pulp	●	0.2
Unshu orange (whole commodity.)	○ 2	
Citrus natsudaidai, whole	0.7	0.7
Lemon	0.7	0.7
Orange (including navel orange)	0.7	0.7
Grapefruit	0.7	0.7
Lime	0.7	0.7
Other citrus fruits ⁶	0.7	0.7
Apple	2	2
Japanese pear	2	2
Pear	2	2

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Quince	● 0.7	1
Loquat	● /	1
Loquat (whole commodity after removal of stems.)	○ 0.7	
Peach	● /	2
Peach (whole commodity after removal of stems and stones but the residue calculated and expressed on the whole commodity without stems.)	○ 5	/
Nectarine	2	2
Apricot	3	3
Japanese plum (including prune)	2	2
Mume plum	3	3
Cherry	2	2
Strawberry	5	5
Raspberry	7	7
Blackberry	7	7
Other berries ⁷	7	7
Grape	3	3
Japanese persimmon	1	1
Mango	0.2	0.2
Other fruits ⁸	2	2
Cotton seeds	● 0.3	1
Ginkgo nut	0.2	0.2
Chestnut	0.2	0.2
Pecan	0.2	0.2
Almond	0.2	0.2
Walnut	0.2	0.2
Other nuts ⁹	0.2	0.2
Tea	2	2
Hop	20	20
Other spices ¹⁰	10	10
Other herbs ¹¹	40	40
Cattle, muscle	0.01	0.01
Pig, muscle	0.01	0.01
Other terrestrial mammals ¹² , muscle	0.01	0.01
Cattle, fat	0.05	0.05
Pig, fat	0.05	0.05
Other terrestrial mammals, fat	0.05	0.05
Cattle, liver	0.01	0.01
Pig, liver	0.01	0.01
Other terrestrial mammals, liver	0.01	0.01
Cattle, kidney	0.01	0.01

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm
Pig, kidney	0.01	0.01
Other terrestrial mammals, kidney	0.01	0.01
Cattle, edible offal ¹³	0.01	0.01
Pig, edible offal	0.01	0.01
Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal	0.01	0.01
Milk	0.01	0.01
Chicken, muscle	0.01	0.01
Other poultry ¹⁴ , muscle	0.01	0.01
Chicken, fat	0.01	0.01
Other poultry, fat	0.01	0.01
Chicken, liver	0.01	0.01
Other poultry, liver	0.01	0.01
Chicken, kidney	0.01	0.01
Other poultry, kidney	0.01	0.01
Chicken, edible offal	0.01	0.01
Other poultry, edible offal	0.01	0.01
Chicken eggs	0.01	0.01
Other poultry, eggs	0.01	0.01
Raisin ※	● /	10

●: Commodities for which MRLs are to be lowered or deleted.

○: Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased or newly set.

Note: The residue definition is sum of bifenazate and metabolite B [isopropyl (4-methoxybiphenyl-3-yl) diazenylformate], expressed as bifenazate. The residue definition will not be changed.

* The uniform limit 0.01 ppm will be applied to commodities for which draft MRLs are not given in this table and to commodities not listed above.

* Diagonal line means deletion of a food category to which an MRL applies.

* Food categories "Water melon", "Melons", "Makuwauri melon", "Unshu orange, pulp", "Loquat" and "Peach" will be abolished and integrated into "Water melon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Makuwauri melon (whole commodity after removal of stems.)", "Unshu orange (whole commodity)", "Loquat (whole commodity after removal of stems.)" and "Peach (whole commodity after removal of stems and stones but the residue calculated and expressed on the whole commodity without stems.)", respectively, followed by the current food category system for MRLs for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in Japan.

※: For food category; "Raisin", will be deleted and hereafter, MRLs in this raw commodity (i.e. Grape) will also apply to such processed commodity, taking into account this processing factor. For this substance, JMPR estimated processing factor of 3.2 for Raisin.

1. "Beans, dry" including butter beans, cowbeans (red beans), lentil, lima beans, pegia, sultani, sultapya and white beans.
2. "Other pulses" refers to all legumes/pulses, except soybeans (dry), beans (dry), peas, broad beans, peanuts (dry) and spices.
3. "Other solanaceous vegetables" refers to all solanaceous vegetables, except tomato, pimiento (sweet pepper) and egg plant.

4. "Other cucurbitaceous vegetables" refers to all cucurbitaceous vegetables, except cucumber (including gherkin), pumpkin (including squash), oriental pickling melon (vegetable), watermelon, melons and makuwauri melon.
5. "Other vegetables" refers to all vegetables, except potatoes, sugar beet, sugarcane, cruciferous vegetables, composite vegetables, liliaceous vegetables, umbelliferous vegetables, solanaceous vegetables, cucurbitaceous vegetables, spinach, bamboo shoots, okra, ginger, peas (with pods, immature), kidney beans (with pods, immature), green soybeans, mushrooms, spices and herbs.
6. "Other citrus fruits" refers to all citrus fruits, except unshu orange, citrus natsudaidai, lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime and spices.
7. "Other berries" refers to all berries, except strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry and huckleberry.
8. "Other fruits" refers to all fruits, except citrus fruits, apple, Japanese pear, pear, quince, loquat, peach, nectarine, apricot, Japanese plum (including prune), mume plum, cherry, berries, grape, Japanese persimmon, banana, kiwifruit, papaya, avocado, pineapple, guava, mango, passion fruit, date and spices.
9. "Other nuts" refers to all nuts, except ginkgo nut, chestnut, pecan, almond and walnut.
10. "Other spices" refers to all spices, except horseradish, wasabi (Japanese horseradish) rhizomes, garlic, peppers chili, paprika, ginger, lemon peels, orange peels (including navel orange), yuzu (Chinese citron) peels and sesame seeds.
11. "Other herbs" refers to all herbs, except watercress, nira, parsley stems and leaves, celery stems and leaves.
12. "Other terrestrial mammals" refers to all terrestrial mammals, except cattle and pig.
13. "Edible offal" refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver and kidney.
14. "Other poultry" refers to all poultry, except chicken.