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Report Name: Proposed Revision of Mineral Water Specifications

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Report Highlights:

The Government of Japan (GOJ) through its Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA), has opened the public comment period for revisions it is proposing to the specifications for sterilized or sterile filtered mineral water to include specifications for perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The comment period closes on March 27, 2025.

The Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) has opened the public comment period for proposed revisions to the mineral water specifications and is mainly targeted to domestic stakeholders. The revision notes the regulatory limit for the sum of PFOS and PFOA at 0.00005 mg per liter, as previously reported in [JA2025-0005](#). Currently, Japan does not have a standard of PFOS and PFOA for mineral water. The details of proposed revision can be found at GOJ's site for public comments, [e-gov](#) (in Japanese). After the public comment period, it is expected that GOJ will notify the revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will initiate another opportunity for stakeholders to comment.

Comment Submission:

Comments should be submitted in Japanese by March 27, 2025 (Japanese standard time) by mail or electronically:

- Mail comments:
Food Safety Standards and Evaluation Division, Consumer Affairs Agency,
3-1-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-8959, Japan
Note: Print “食品、添加物等の規格基準の一部を改正する告示（案）（清涼飲料水（PFOS及びPFOA）に関わる改正）” at the envelop surface in red ink.
- Electronic submission:
Go to [e-Gov](#). After agreeing to the conditions, click “意見入力へ” at the bottom of the page to submit comments.

Attachments:

No Attachments.