

Item 1. Establishment of the Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals in Foods

The Food Sanitation Act authorizes the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) to establish residue standards (maximum residue limits, “MRLs”) for pesticides, feed additives, and veterinary drugs (hereafter referred to as “agricultural and veterinary chemicals”) that may remain in foods. Any food for which standards are established pursuant to the provisions in Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the act is not permitted to be marketed in Japan unless it complies with the established standards

On May 29, 2006, Japan introduced the Positive List System¹ for agricultural and veterinary chemicals in food. All foods distributed in the Japanese marketplace are subject to regulation of the system.

The MHLW is going to modify or newly set MRLs in some commodities for the following substances:

Pesticides : Oxathiapiprolin, Pydiflumetofen, Pyrimidifen, Mefentrifluconazole
Veterinary drugs : Tildipirosin, Nanafrocin

<The manner of submitting comments>

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) will amend the existing standards and specifications for food as shown in this document. Please provide comments in writing by Monday, June 15, 2020. After the given date, comments should be directed to the enquiry point in accordance with the WTO/SPS Agreement.

If you wish to request Japan to adopt the same limits as your country’s MRLs, you are requested to submit data supporting your country’s MRLs, such as risk assessment and residue data.

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¹ The aim of the positive list system is to prohibit the distribution of any foods which contain agricultural chemicals at amounts exceeding a certain level (0.01 ppm) in the Japanese marketplace unless specific maximum residue limits (MRLs) have been set

Summary

Oxathiapiprolin (pesticide: Fungicide): Permitted for use in Japan. The MHLW is going to establish MRLs in some commodities in response to a request for setting import tolerances based on the Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals Used outside Japan (Shokuan No. 0205001, 5 February 2004).

Pydiflumetofen (pesticide: Fungicide): Not permitted for use in Japan. The MHLW is going to establish MRLs in one commodity, in response to a request for setting them by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) with the intention to newly register this substance as a pesticide. The MHLW is also going to establish MRLs in some commodities in response to a request for setting import tolerances based on the Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals Used outside Japan (Shokuan No. 0205001, 5 February 2004). These action will not strengthen the current regulation for any commodities.

Pyrimidifen (pesticide: Acaricides): Permitted for use in Japan. The MHLW is going to establish MRLs in response to a request for setting the by the MAFF.

Mefentrifluconazole (pesticide: Fungicide): Not permitted for use in Japan. The MHLW is going to establish MRLs in some commodities in response to a request for setting import tolerances based on the Guideline for Application for Establishment and Revision of Maximum Residue Limits for Agricultural Chemicals Used outside Japan (Shokuan No. 0205001, 5 February 2004). These action will not strengthen the current regulation for any commodities.

Tildipirosin (Veterinary drug: Antibiotics): Not permitted for use in Japan. The MHLW is going to establish MRLs in some commodities in response to that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries asked the minister of Health, Labour and Welfare for comments about application for manufacture and sales approval as a veterinary drug, and modification of the application of this substance, under "Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Products Including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices". These action will not strengthen the current regulation for any commodities.

Nanafrocic (Veterinary drug: Antibiotics): Permitted for use in Japan. The MHLW is going to modify MRLs in some commodities that were provisionally set at the introduction of the Positive List System. These action will not strengthen the current regulation for any commodities.

Oxathiapiprolin

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm	Registration	Reference MRL	
				Codex ppm	National ppm
Corn (maize, including pop corn and sweet corn)	0.01			0.01	
Soybeans, dry	0.01		IT	0.01	
Potato	0.05	0.05	§	0.04	
Taro	○ 0.04			0.04	
Sweet potato	○ 0.04			0.04	
Japanese yam (including Chinese yam)	○ 0.04			0.04	
Konjac	○ 0.04			0.04	
Other potatoes	○ 0.04			0.04	
Japanese radish, leaves (including radish)	○ 10			10	
Turnip, leaves (including rutabaga)	○ 10			10	
Watercress	● 10	15		10	
Chinese cabbage	○ 10	2	§	10	
Cabbage	2	2	§	0.7	1.5 ¹ USA
Brussels sprouts	2	2			1.5 ¹ USA
Kale	○ 10			10	
Komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach)	○ 10			10	
Kyona	○ 10			10	
Qing-geng-cai	○ 10			10	
Cauliflower	2	2		0.3	1.5 ¹ USA
Broccoli	2	2		1.5	
Other cruciferous vegetables	○ 10	2	IT	10	
Endive	15	15			15 ¹ USA
Shungiku	15	15			15 ¹ USA
Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce)	15	15	§	5	15 ¹ USA
Other composite vegetables	15	15			15 ¹ USA
Onion	0.04	0.04	§	0.04	
Welsh (including leek)	2	2	§	2	
Garlic	0.04	0.04		0.04	
Nira	2	2			2.0 ¹ USA
Asparagus	○ 2		IT	2	
Multiplying onion (including shallot)	○ 0.04			0.04	
Other liliaceous vegetables	2	2		2	
Parsley	15	15			15 ¹ USA
Tomato	0.5	0.5	§	0.4	0.50 ¹ USA
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	0.5	0.5		0.4	0.50 ¹ USA
Egg plant	0.5	0.5		0.4	0.50 ¹ USA
Other solanaceous vegetables	0.5	0.5		0.4	0.50 ¹ USA
Cucumber (including gherkin)	0.2	0.2	§	0.2	
Pumpkin (including squash)	0.2	0.2		0.2	
Oriental pickling melon (vegetable)	○ 0.2			0.2	
Water melon		0.01			
Water melon (whole commodity after removal of stems)	0.2			0.2	
Melons		0.01			
Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems)	0.2			0.2	
Makuwauri melon (whole commodity after removal of stems)	○ 0.2			0.2	
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables	0.2	0.2		0.2	
Spinach	15	15		15	
Okra	0.5	0.5		0.4	0.50 ¹ USA
Peas, immature (with pods)	1	1		1	
Other vegetables	15	15		2	15 ¹ USA
Unshu orange (whole commodity)	○ 0.06		IT	0.05	0.06 ¹ USA

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm	Registration	Reference MRL	
				Codex ppm	National ppm
Citrus natsudaikai, whole	○ 0.06		IT	0.05	0.06 ¹ USA
Lemon	○ 0.06		IT	0.05	0.06 ¹ USA
Orange (including navel orange)	○ 0.06		IT	0.05	0.06 ¹ USA
Grapefruit	○ 0.06		IT	0.05	0.06 ¹ USA
Lime	○ 0.06		IT	0.05	0.06 ¹ USA
Other citrus fruits	○ 0.06		IT	0.05	0.06 ¹ USA
Raspberry	○ 0.5		IT	0.5	
Blackberry	○ 0.5		IT	0.5	
Other berries	○ 0.5		IT	0.5	
Grape	○ 0.9	0.7	§	0.9	
Other fruits	0.5	0.5		0.4	0.5 ¹ USA
Sunflower seeds	0.01		IT	0.01	
Other spices	○ 0.05		IT	0.05	
Other herbs	15	15		10	15 ¹ USA
Chicken, muscle	0.01			0.01	
Other poultry, 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	
Tomato, dried				3	
Pepper, dried				4	
Raisin				1.3	
Basil, dried			IT	80	

The residue definition is oxathiapiprolin only.

* 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.

* In the Commodity column, for the food categories to which the word other is added, refer to the Notes given in the last two pages of the Attachment.

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

○ : Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased.

§ : Permitted for use in Japan.

IT : Import tolerance application

※ Food categories in "tomato, dried", "pepper, dried", "raisin" and "basil, dried" will be deleted, and hereafter, MRLs in its raw commodities (tomato, other solanaceous vegetables, grape and other herbs, respectively) will also apply to such processed commodity, taking into account its processing factor. For these substances, JMPR estimated processing factors of 6.9 for tomato, 10 for Pepper, dried, 1.4 for raisin and 8.5 for basil, dried.

Pydiflumetofen

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm	Registration	Reference MRL	
				Codex ppm	National ppm
Wheat	○ 0.6		Request • IT		1
Barley	○ 4		IT		4.0 ¹ USA
Rye	○ 0.3		IT		0.3 ¹ USA
Corn (maize, including pop corn and sweet corn)	○ 0.02		IT		0.015 ¹ USA
Other cereal grains	○ 4		IT		4.0 ¹ USA
Soybeans, dry	○ 0.4		IT		0.40 ¹ USA
Beans, dry	○ 0.4		IT		0.40 ¹ USA
Peas	○ 0.4		IT		0.40 ¹ USA
Broad beans	○ 0.4		IT		0.40 ¹ USA
Peanuts, dry	○ 0.02		IT		0.02 ¹ USA
Other pulses	○ 0.4		IT		0.40 ¹ USA
Potato	○ 0.02		IT		0.015 ¹ USA
Lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce)	○ 40		IT		40 ¹ USA
Celery	○ 15		IT		15 ¹ USA
Tomato	○ 0.6		IT		0.60 ¹ USA
Pimiento (sweet pepper)	○ 0.6		IT		0.60 ¹ USA
Egg plant	○ 0.6		IT		0.60 ¹ USA
Other solanaceous vegetables	○ 0.6		IT		0.60 ¹ USA
Cucumber (including gherkin)	○ 0.5		IT		0.50 ¹ USA
Pumpkin (including squash)	○ 0.5		IT		0.50 ¹ USA
Melons (whole commodity after removal of stems)	○ 0.5		IT		0.50 ¹ USA
Makuwauri melon (whole commodity after removal of stems)	○ 0.5		IT		0.50 ¹ USA
Spinach	○ 40		IT		40 ¹ USA
Okra	○ 0.6		IT		0.60 ¹ USA
Grape	○ 2		IT	1.5	1
Other fruits	○ 2			1.5	1
Rapeseeds	○ 0.9		IT		0.9 ¹ Canada
Cattle, muscle	0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, muscle	0.01				0.01 ¹ USA
Cattle, fat	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, fat	○ 0.03				0.03 ¹ USA
Cattle, liver	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, liver	○ 0.03				0.03 ¹ USA
Cattle, kidney	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, kidney	○ 0.03				0.03 ¹ USA
Cattle, edible offal	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal	○ 0.03				0.03 ¹ USA
Milk	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Raisin				4	1

The residue definition is pydiflumetofen only.

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○ : Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased.

Request: Request for setting/revising MRL was made by the MAFF.

IT : Import tolerance

※) Food categories "Raisin" will be deleted, and hereafter, MRLs in its raw commodity (grape) will also apply to such processed commodity, taking into account its processing factor. For this substance, JMPR estimated processing factors of 2.45 for raisin.

Pyrimidifen

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm	Registration	Reference MRL	
				Codex ppm	National ppm
Chinese cabbage	0.1	0.1	§		1
Cabbage	○ 0.3	0.1	§ • Request		1
Brussels sprouts	●	0.1			1
Unshu orange, pulp	/	0.1	§		1
Unshu orange (whole commodity)	0.3	/	§		1
Citrus natsudaikai, whole	● 0.2	0.3	§		1
Lemon	0.3	0.3	§		1
Orange (including navel orange)	0.3	0.3	§		1
Grapefruit	0.3	0.3	§		1
Lime	0.3	0.3	§		1
Other citrus fruits	0.3	0.3	§		1
Apple	● 0.2	0.3	§		1
Japanese pear	● 0.08	0.2	§		1
Pear	● 0.08	0.2	§		1
Peach	/	0.1	§		1
Peach (whole commodity after removal of stems and stones but the residue calculated and expressed on the whole commodity without stems)	0.3	/	§		1
Strawberry	0.3	0.3	§		1
Tea	● 3	5	§		1
Other spices	○ 1	0.7	Request		1

The residue definition is pyrimidifen only.

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Mefentrifluconazole

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm	Registration	Reference MRL	
				Codex ppm	National ppm
Wheat	0.3		IT		0.3 ¹ USA
Barley	4		IT		4 ¹ USA
Rye	4		IT		4 ¹ USA
Corn (maize, including pop corn and sweet corn)	0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Buckwheat	4		IT		4 ¹ USA
Other cereal grains	4		IT		4 ¹ USA
Soybeans, dry	0.4		IT		0.4 ¹ USA
Beans, dry	2		IT		2 ¹ USA
Peas	0.2		IT		0.15 ¹ USA
Broad beans	0.2		IT		0.15 ¹ USA
Peanuts, dry	0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Other pulses	0.2		IT		0.15 ¹ USA
Potato	0.04		IT		0.04 ¹ USA
Taro	0.04		IT		0.04 ¹ USA
Sweet potato	0.04		IT		0.04 ¹ USA
Japanese yam (including Chinese yam)	0.04		IT		0.04 ¹ USA
Other potatoes	0.04		IT		0.04 ¹ USA
Sugar beet	0.6		IT		0.6 ¹ USA
Other cucurbitaceous vegetables	0.04		IT		0.04 ¹ USA
Ginger	0.04		IT		0.04 ¹ USA
Peas, immature (with pods)	0.2		IT		0.15 ¹ USA
Kidney beans, immature (with pods)	0.2		IT		0.15 ¹ USA
Green soybeans	0.2		IT		0.15 ¹ USA
Other vegetables	1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Unshu orange (whole commodity)	0.6		IT		0.6 ¹ USA
Citrus natsudaikai, whole	0.5		IT		0.5 ¹ USA
Lemon	1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Orange (including navel orange)	0.6		IT		0.6 ¹ USA
Grapefruit	0.5		IT		0.5 ¹ USA
Lime	1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Other citrus fruits	1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Apple	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Japanese pear	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Pear	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Quince	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Loquat (whole commodity after removal of stems)	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Peach (whole commodity after removal of stems and stones but the residue calculated and expressed on the whole commodity without stems)	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Nectarine	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Apricot	2		IT		2 ¹ USA
Japanese plum (including prune)	2		IT		2 ¹ USA
Mume plum	2		IT		2 ¹ USA
Cherry	4		IT		4 ¹ USA
Other berries	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Grape	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Japanese persimmon	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Passion fruit	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Other fruits	2		IT		1.5 ¹ USA
Sesame seeds	1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Rapeseeds	1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Other oil seeds	1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Chestnut	0.06		IT		0.06 ¹ USA

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm	Registration	Reference MRL	
				Codex ppm	National ppm
Pecan	○ 0.06		IT		0.06 ¹ USA
Almond	○ 0.06		IT		0.06 ¹ USA
Other spices	○ 1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Other herbs	○ 1		IT		1 ¹ USA
Cattle, muscle	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Pig, muscle	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, muscle	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Cattle, fat	○ 0.2		IT		0.2 ¹ USA
Pig, fat	○ 0.02		IT		0.015 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, fat	○ 0.2		IT		0.2 ¹ USA
Cattle, liver	○ 0.3		IT		0.3 ¹ USA
Pig, liver	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, liver	○ 0.3		IT		0.3 ¹ USA
Cattle, kidney	○ 0.3		IT		0.3 ¹ USA
Pig, kidney	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, kidney	○ 0.3		IT		0.3 ¹ USA
Cattle, edible offal	○ 0.3		IT		0.3 ¹ USA
Pig, edible offal	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Other terrestrial mammals, edible offal	○ 0.3		IT		0.3 ¹ USA
Milk	○ 0.03		IT		0.03 ¹ USA
Chicken, muscle	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Other poultry, muscle	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Chicken, fat	○ 0.02		IT		0.015 ¹ USA
Other poultry, fat	○ 0.02		IT		0.015 ¹ USA
Chicken, liver	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Other poultry, liver	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Chicken, kidney	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Other poultry, kidney	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Chicken, edible offal	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Other poultry, edible offal	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Chicken eggs	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA
Other poultry, eggs	○ 0.01		IT		0.01 ¹ USA

The residue definition is mefenfentriazole only.

* 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.

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○ : Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased.

IT : Import tolerance application

Tildipirosin

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm	Registration	Reference MRL	
				Codex ppm	National ppm
Pig, muscle	○ 0.6		Request		1
Pig, fat	○ 0.6		Request		1
Pig, liver	○ 5		Request		1
Pig, kidney	○ 10		Request		1
Pig, edible offal	○ 10		Request		1

The residue definition is tildipirosin only.

* The compound shall not be included in any commodity for which MRL is not given in the above table and in any commodity not listed above.

○ : Commodities for which MRLs are to be increased.

Request : Request for setting/revising MRL was made by the MAFF.

Nanafrocin

Commodity	MRL (draft) ppm	MRL (current) ppm	Registration	Reference MRL	
				Codex ppm	National ppm
Cattle, muscle	0.03	0.03	§		!
Cattle, fat	0.03	0.03	§		!
Cattle, liver	0.03	0.03	§		!
Cattle, kidney	0.03	0.03	§		!
Cattle, edible offal	0.03	0.03	§		!
Milk	0.03	0.03	§		!

The residue definition is nanafrocin only.

* The compound shall not be included in any commodity for which MRL is not given in the above table and in any commodity not listed above.

* Shaded figures indicate provisional MRLs.

§ : Permitted for use in Japan.

Notes:

“Other cereal grains” refers to all cereal grains, except rice (brown rice), wheat, barley, rye, corn (maize), and buckwheat.

“Beans, dry” includes butter beans, cowbeans (red beans), lentil, lima beans, pegia, sultani, sultapya and white beans.

“Other legumes/pulses” refers to all legumes/pulses, except soybeans (dry), beans (dry), peas, broad beans, peanuts (dry), and spices.

“Other potatoes” refers to all potatoes, except potato, taro, sweet potato, yam, and konjac.

“Other cruciferous vegetables” refers to all cruciferous vegetables, except Japanese radish roots and leaves (including radish), turnip roots and leaves, horseradish, watercress, Chinese cabbage, cabbage, brussels sprouts, kale, *komatsuna* (Japanese mustard spinach), *kyona*, qing-geng-cai, cauliflower, broccoli, and herbs.

“Other composite vegetables” refers to all composite vegetables, except burdock, salsify, artichoke, chicory, endive, *shungiku*, lettuce (including cos lettuce and leaf lettuce), and herbs.

“Other liliaceous vegetables” refers to all liliaceous vegetables, except onion, welsh (including leek), garlic, *nira*, asparagus, multiplying onion, and herbs.

“Other umbelliferous vegetables” refers to all umbelliferous vegetables, except carrot, parsnip, parsley, celery, *mitsuba*, spices, and herbs.

“Other solanaceous vegetables” refers to all solanaceous vegetables, except tomato, pimienta (sweet pepper), and egg plant.

“Other cucurbitaceous vegetables” refers to all cucurbitaceous vegetables, except cucumber (including gherkin), pumpkin (including squash), oriental pickling melon (vegetable), watermelon, melons, and *makuwauri* melon.

“Other mushrooms” refers to all mushrooms, except button mushroom, and *shiitake* mushroom.

“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.

“Other citrus fruits” refers to all citrus fruits, except *unshu* orange (pulp), citrus *natsudaidai* (pulp), citrus *natsudaidai* (peel), citrus *natsudaidai* (whole), lemon, orange (including navel orange), grapefruit, lime, and spices.

“Other berries” refers to all berries, except strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry, and huckleberry.

“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.

“Other oil seeds” refers to all oil seeds, except sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, safflower seeds, cotton seeds, rapeseeds and spices.

“Other nuts” refers to all nuts, except ginkgo nut, chestnut, pecan, almond and walnut.

“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.

“Other spices (limited to roots and rhizome)” includes asafoetida roots, turmeric root, zedoary root, galangal rhizome and licorice root.

“Other herbs” refers to all herbs, except watercress, *nira*, parsley stems and leaves, celery stems and leaves.

“Edible offal” refers to all edible parts, except muscle, fat, liver, and kidney.

“Other terrestrial mammals” refers to all terrestrial mammals, except cattle and pig.

“Other poultry” refers to all poultry, except chicken.

“Other fish” refers to all fish, except salmoniformes, anguilliformes, and perciformes.

“Other aquatic animals” refers to all aquatic animal, except fish, shelled molluscs and crustaceans.

Item 2. Withdrawal of the food additives that are no longer distributed in Japan from the List of Existing Food Additives

Summary

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (hereinafter referred to as “the MHLW”) revised the List of Existing Food Additives¹ (The Ministry of Health and Welfare Notification No. 120 of 1996) and withdrew nine food additives (see Attachment) from the List on February 26, 2020.

Background

Pursuant to the provision in Article 2-3, Paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act to Partially Revise the Food Sanitation Act and the Nutrition Improvement Act (Act No.101 of 1995), if the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (hereinafter referred to as “the Minister”) finds the additives listed in the List of Existing Food Additives are no longer used for the purpose of sale judging from the situation on sale etc., the Minister is able to prepare the list informing the name of such additives (hereinafter referred to as “the List of Food Additives to Be Withdrawn”). The MHLW issued the List of Food Additives to Be Withdrawn as a public notice (The MHLW Notification No. 45 of 2019) pursuant to the provision in the same Article, Paragraph (2) taking into account the results of a survey carried out from 2017 through 2018 targeting substances whose actual state of distribution was unknown.

After procedures including 6-month public comment for the withdrawal, the MHLW determined to withdraw nine in ten substances listed in the List of Food Additives to Be Withdrawn from the List of Existing Food Additives pursuant to the provision in the same Article, Paragraph (5). The remaining one substance, Sesami straw ash extract (a substance that is obtained by extraction from the ashes of sesami stems or leaves), was excluded receiving comments that request revision of the List of Food Additives to Be Withdrawn. The MHLW made a public notice “The matters on revision of the List of Existing Food Additives” (The MHLW Notification No. 42 of 2020) on February 26, 2020. Thereafter, the use of the withdrawn substances as food additives has been prohibited.

¹ “Existing food additives” refers to non-synthetic food additives that were distributed and used on the date of the amendment of the Food Sanitation Act (May 24, 1995) and that appears in the List of Existing Food Additives.

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Substance Name
Itaconic acid (イタコン酸)
Fish scale foil (魚鱗箔) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the epithelium of fish
Kooroo colour [Matsudai colour] (クーロー色素) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the roots of <i>somemono-imo</i> (<i>Dioscorea matsudai</i> HAYATA)
Spice extracts (香辛料抽出物) Substances that are obtained by extraction or steam-distillation from chervil
Bone carbon black (骨炭色素) A substance that is obtained by carbonizing bones and consists mainly of carbon
Shea nut colour (シアナット色素) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the fruits or seed coats of shea
Ferritin (フェリチン)
Hego-ginkgo leaf extract (ヘゴ・イチョウ抽出物) A substance that is obtained by extraction from the leaves of ginkgo and hego (<i>Cyathea boninsimensis</i> COPEL)
Levan (レバン) A substance that is obtained from the culture fluid of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> bacteria and consists mainly of polysaccharides