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Report Highlights:

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for 9 agricultural chemicals (Iprodione, Metobromuron, Paraquat dichloride (Paraquat), Pyridachlometyl, Isoprothiolane, Diminazene, Dipropyl isocinchomeronate, Mafoprazine, and Pyrimethamine) for various agricultural commodities. In addition, MHLW proposed to designate calcium phytate as a food additive with a proposal of specifications and standards to follow. Lastly, MHLW proposed to revise food additive standards for cupric sulfate. Interested U.S. parties should submit their comments to PlantDivision@usda.gov for plant products and to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov for animal products by February 17, 2023.

General

On February 7, 2023, at the 253rd Food Safety Group meeting, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels (MRLs) for the following pesticides and veterinary drugs:

Pesticides

- Iprodione
- Metobromuron
- Paraquat dichloride / Paraquat
- Pyridachlometyl

Pesticide and Veterinary drug

- Isoprothiolane

Veterinary Drugs

- Diminazene
- Dipropyl isocinchomeronate
- Mafoprazine
- Pyrimethamine

In addition, MHLW proposed to designate calcium phytate as a food additive and to establish specifications and standards accordingly. MHLW also proposed to revise food additive standards for cupric sulfate.

Please consult the attached document distributed by MHLW to review the details of Japan's proposal. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MHLW shared the document electronically with Tokyo-based embassies. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to submit their comments about plant-related proposals to PlantDivision@usda.gov and animal-related proposals to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov by February 17, 2023. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Attachments:

[253rd FSG \(English\).pdf](#)