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Report Highlights:

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) proposed revisions to Japan's maximum residue levels for 5 agricultural chemicals (Flonicamid, Fluoxastrobin, Polyoxorim-zinc, Prothiofos, and 3-Nitrooxypropanol) for various agricultural commodities. In addition, MHLW proposed to newly designate Polyvinyl alcohol as a food additive. Lastly, MHLW proposed to revise compositional standards for milk and milk products. 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 December 18, 2023.

General

On December 5, 2023, at the 259th 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 four pesticides and one feed additive:

Pesticide:

- Flonicamid
- Fluoxastrobin
- Polyoxorim-zinc
- Prothiofos

Feed additive:

- 3-Nitrooxypropanol

In addition, MHLW proposed to newly designate Polyvinyl alcohol as a food additive.

Lastly, MHLW proposed to revise compositional standards for milk and milk products. The proposed standards are specific for milk and milk products that are not required to be stored at or below 10 degrees Celsius.

For details of Japan's proposal, please consult the attached document distributed by MHLW. 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, animal-related proposals to TFAA.FAS.AnimalDivision@usda.gov, and proposals for processed products to PPTRD@usda.gov by December 18, 2023. Japan will subsequently notify these revisions to the World Trade Organization, which will provide another opportunity to comment.

Attachments:

[259th FSG \(English\).pdf](#)