Date: 6/5/2019
GAIN Report Number: JA9060

Japan

Post: Tokyo

Proposes Revoking Two Feed Additives containing Tetracycline

Report Categories:
Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety
WTO Notifications

Approved By:
Barrett Bumpas
Prepared By:
Tomohiro Kurai

Report Highlights:
On April 16, Japan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of proposed revoking the designation of Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium oxytetracycline and Chlortetracycline as a feed additive via G/SPS/N/JPN/630. The public comment period for the draft will close on June 15, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments immediately.

Keywords: JA9060 , Phytosanitary, feed additive, Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium oxytetracycline, Chlortetracycline

General Information:

On April 16, 2019, Japan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of proposed revoking the designation of Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium oxytetracycline and Chlortetracycline as a feed additive via G/SPS/N/JPN/630. In the notification, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) explains that it will revoke the designation of Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium oxytetracycline and Chlortetracycline as feed additives since these two compounds have adverse effects on human health. Japan's proposed changes to the MRLs for Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium oxytetracycline and Chlortetracycline can be found here or an Annex-1 below.

The public comment period for the draft will close on June 15, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments immediately.

(The following is taken from Japan's notification)

Annex -1: Revocation of designation of Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium oxytetracycline and Chlortetracycline as feed additives

1. Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) will revoke designation of Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium oxytetracycline and Chlortetracycline as feed additives since Food Safety Commission of Japan concluded the Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) risks of these two feed additives have an adverse effect on human health in its risk assessment titled "effect of food on human health regarding antimicrobial-resistant bacteria selected by antimicrobial use in food producing animals".

2. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) will revoke standards and specifications for Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium oxytetracycline and Chlortetracycline stipulated in the ministerial ordinance.

Major revocations are outlined below.

<table>
<tr><th></th><th>Current provisions</th><th>Draft amendments</th></tr>
<tr><td>1
(1)</td><td>C. The feeds listed in the following table may contain the stipulated amounts of each feed additive listed in the following table.
<table>
<tr><th rowspan="2">Feed Additive</th><th rowspan="2">Unit</th><th colspan="8">Feeds</th></tr>
<tr><th>Chickens (except broilers)</th><th colspan="2">Broilers</th><th colspan="2">Pigs</th><th colspan="2">Cattle</th><th></th></tr>
<tr><th></th><th></th><th>Early and Mid</th><th>Early</th><th>Late</th><th>Suckling</th><th>Piglet</th><th>Suckling</th><th>Calf</th><th>Fattening</th></tr>
<tr><td>Alkyltrimethylammonium calcium</td><td>titer of g/ton</td><td>5-55</td><td>5-55</td><td></td><td>5-70</td><td></td><td>20-50</td><td>20-50</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Chlortetracycline</td><td>titer of g/ton</td><td>10-55</td><td>10-55</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>10-50</td><td>10-50</td><td></td></tr>
</table></td><td>C. The feeds listed in the following table may contain the stipulated amounts of each feed additive listed in the following table.
<table>
<tr><th rowspan="2">Feed Additive</th><th rowspan="2">Unit</th><th colspan="8">Feeds</th></tr>
<tr><th>Chickens (except broilers)</th><th colspan="2">Broilers</th><th colspan="2">Pigs</th><th colspan="2">Cattle</th><th></th></tr>
<tr><th></th><th></th><th>Early and Mid</th><th>Early</th><th>Late</th><th>Suckling</th><th>Piglet</th><th>Suckling</th><th>Calf</th><th>Fattening</th></tr>
<tr><td>(delete)</td><td>(delete)</td><td>(delete)</td><td>(delete)</td><td></td><td>(delete)</td><td></td><td>(delete)</td><td>(delete)</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>(delete)</td><td>(delete)</td><td>(delete)</td><td>(delete)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>(delete)</td><td>(delete)</td><td></td></tr>
</table></td></tr>
</table>