

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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**Report Name:** Taiwan Import Violations for 2022

**Country:** Taiwan

**Post:** Taipei

**Report Category:** Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety, Vegetables, Fresh Fruit

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**Report Highlights:**

Taiwan rejected and or destroyed 28 shipments of U.S. agricultural products in 2022 according to the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA). Chemical residues were cited as the reason for 18 of the 28 recorded rejections. The second largest source of violations was heavy metals, with 4 recorded violations. The trend of declining findings continued in 2022 with the number of violations for U.S. well below the reported cases in 2021 (48 cases) and in 2020 (52 cases).

**General Information:**

In 2022, Taiwan rejected or destroyed 28 shipments of U.S. agricultural products. Chemical residues were pointed as the cause for 21 of the 28 recorded rejections. Followed by 4 cases of heavy metal and 2 cases for feed additives and one for a parasite finding. The total volume of the rejected shipments was 614 metric tons.

The number of violations for U.S. products in 2022 was a decrease of almost 42 percent in comparison to the 48 reported cases in 2021 and a further decrease from the 52 findings in 2020.

The largest cause of rejection was for pesticide residues including the chemicals pyrimethanil on apple (4 cases), cyantraniliprole on cherry (3) and blueberry (1), piperonyl butoxide on brown rice (2 cases, 300MT total), and pyrethrins and pyrethroids on celery (2 cases).

The second largest source of violations was for the heavy metal cadmium found on broccoli (2), lettuce (1) and oyster (1). Followed by feed additives, semicarbazide and nicarbazin were detected on chicken leg (2). The fourth was for a parasite, *sarcocystis* spp. on beef tongue.

Each year TFDA publishes the enhanced inspection list for food imports and there are no U.S. agricultural products included in the 2023 list requiring enhanced inspection.

2022 MRL Violations		
Product	# of Incidents	Finding
APPLE	4	Pyrimethanil (4)
CELERY	4	Fluxapyroxad, Pyrethrins and Pyrethroids(2), Flonicamid and Penthiopyrad
CHERRY	3	cyantraniliprole
BROWN RICE	2	Piperonyl butoxide
CHICKEN LEG	2	Semicarbazide, nicarbazin
GRAPEFRUIT	2	Gibberellic acid, Cyfluthrin
BROCCOLI	2	Cadmium
BEEF TONGUE	1	<i>Sarcocystis</i> spp.
BLUEBEEY	1	Cyantraniliprole
LETTUCE	1	Cadmium
ORANGE	1	Gibberellic acid A3
CUMIN GROUND	1	Clothianidin/Thiamethoxam
STRAWBERRY	1	Flonicamid
OYSTER	1	Cadmium
OATMILK	1	Chlormequat
TEA	1	Ifubenzuron/Phosmet/2-Phenylphenol
Source - Taiwan Food and Drug Administration		
** All products listed as rejected and/or destroyed		

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.